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### Dando's killer may have had a fixation

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES hunring the gunman who killed Jill Dando believe the murderer could have been fixated on her. Police have begun delving into the 37-year-old television pre-senter's private life, talking to former boyfriends and colleagues for any clues to some-

one with a grudge.

The team, led by Detective Chief Inspector Hamish Campbell, is not ruling out the murder having been a contract killing by an underworld figure. This could have been prompted by a wish for revenge, linked to BBC1's Crimewatch UK programme, which Miss Dando co-presented.

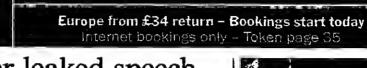
But Mr Campbell said there was no evidence of threats to her or to the programme. Statements from seven witnesses also raised a series of doubts about a contract shooting, he

The suspected gunman was seen loitering in the area in the hour before the attack. The detective said that professional killers took pains to avoid spending too much time at the scene. The suspect did not bother disguisting himself with a mask or hood and did not wear gloves to prevent leaving fingerprints.

The gun used by the killer was powerful and is widely used in the underworld. Mr Campbell said the same type calculated killings, but killers have also used smaller calibre weapons as well.

Mr Campbell said a professional killer would also have prepared an escape plan. Police have found no evidence of one and the suspect was last seen at a bus stop.

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Party director is sacked over leaked speech

• E-mail searched in hunt for Smith Sq mole

# Tories mutiny over end of Thatcherism

By ANDREW PIERCE

THE Tory Party was in crisis last night over the leadership's artempt to downgrade Thatcherism after a senior party direc-tor was accused of disloyalty and sacked.

Michael Simmonds, the £60.000-a-year director of marketing and membership, was called in by the party chair-man Michael Ancram at 8.30am yesterday, branded a leaker and told to clear his desk immediately. Mr Ancram was acting on William Hague's orders after Central Office traced every e-mail and

fax sent from the building. The sacking - the first of its kind for 50 years - came after a report in The Times on Saturday which disclosed the original draft of a speech Peter Lilley, the deputy leader, gave last Tuesday as Tories celebrated the 20th anniversary of Margaret Thatcher's first election victory. But he was forced to water it down after the furious intervention of Shadow Cabinet colleagues. Mr Simmonds was accused of being behind the leak, which seriously embarrassed Mr Lilley.

SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A SARTORIAL prank by the

Scottish Conservatives back-

fired last night when it

emerged that the party had

borrowed a contentious adver-

tising slogan without permis-

sion and emblazoned it across

The decision to use the

words "FCUK Tuinon Fees"

on more than 30,000 shins to

be distributed among students

has also shocked acovists who

feel their party has abandoned

all respectibility in its attempts

Today lawyers for the high

street fashion retailer French

Connection, which owns the

slogan, will examine the To-

ries' handiwork and decide

whether it breaches copyright.

They did not approach us and.

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given permission," a spokes-

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We were not aware of this.

campaign T-shirts.

to win the youth vote.



We've trained him to sniff out dodgy e-mails

His dismissal came as one of the party's most senior fig-ures admitted that the conflict over the Tory policy review was pitching the party into crisis. James Arbuthnot, the Chief Whip, told a Central Of-fice strategy meeting yester-day morning: The parliamentary party is in crisis over the Lilley speech." At lunchtime, he called a second meeting and told senior party figures that at the meeting a few hours earlier he had "massively un-

Even dress sense deserts

party leaders in Scotland

rution tees

woman for the company said.

"I am very surprised to hear

that the Conservatives have

hoped the party was forced to withdraw the T-shirts, part of

a campaign for the abolition of

tuition fees in Scotland. "To be

honest, I think they've gone

too far. I don't think we should

be encouraging bad language, which this is, however subtle it

French Connection UK re-

ported record profits and sales

last year on the back of the

FCUK Fashion campaign.

dreamt up by the advertising

agency GGT. However, it was

withdrawn from a number of

glossy style magazines after

By RICHARD FORD

HOME CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 150 Kosovo refug-

ess will arrive in Britain tomor-

row as the emergency airlift of

evacuees is set to become a

twice weekly operation.

The group of refugees, comprising 18 people needing medical treatment and about 140 de-

pendants, will land at East

Midlands International Air-

One group of refugees are to

be taken to a reception centre

appears," she said.

A Tory insider admitted she

done this."

The parliamentary party is in crisis over the Lilley speech. . I have seriously

underestimated the scale of dissent on the backbench. William has to do

something about it' James Arbuthnot, Tory Chief Whip

derestimated the scale of dissent on the backbenches", and

gave the warning: "William has to do something about it." The abrupt sacking of Mr Simmonds - a party worker for four years who was special adviser to the former chairman Sir Brian Mawhinney and who spent six weeks workmg unpaid for Mr Lilley's leadership campaign in 1997 - has prompted speculation of further casualoes. There is talk of resignations at the party head-

readers complained to the Advertising Standards Authority. The Church of England

and the Roman Catholic

Church also condemned the

Now the store uses FCUK

as a registered trademark and

it has capitalised on the bad

publicity by selling 100,000 T-

Brian Monteith, Tory educa-

oon spokesman, said there

had been concern that using the slogan might have been considered "indiscreet", but

he added: "It's aimed at stu-

denus ... They will have a

laugh about it on what is a

breach of copyright. The Tory T-shirts were different in col-

our and typeface.

He insisted there was no

Last night the Conservative

"Another banana

Mercy flights for 300 a week

Party in England distanced it-self from its Scottish col-

in a former school near Castle

Donnington in Derbyshire af-

ter arriving aboard the flight

from Skopje in Macedonia. An-

other group may be taken to

A twice weekly airlift of refu-

gees to regional airports is planned after Jack Straw, the

Home Secretary, told MPs that Britain would accept thou-

sands of ethnic Albanians, but

he declined to pul a figure. The

United Nations High Commis-

sioner for Refugees has asked

Britain to take a further 400

skin," said one senior Tory.

very serious issue for them."

irts carrying the slogan.

slogan as a "cheap stunt".

quarters in protest at the downgrading of the party's support for free market solutions to cure the ills of the health service and education system.

The original version of Mr Lilley's speech was an uncompromising attempt to break with the party's Thatcherite past and argued that "most Conservatives always accepted public services are intrinsi-cally unsuited to delivery via

Mr Lilley was incensed by the leak and demanded to know the source. He spoke to Ann Widdecombe, the Shad-ow Health Secretary, at the weekend and effectively accused her of being the mole. Miss Widdecombe, a vocal

critic of Mr Lilley in last week's stormy shadow cabinet meeting, refused to discuss the matter yesterday. But friends said that she was "wild with anger" at the charge.

The party high command threw its backing behind Miss

Widdecombe, but Mr Lilley still wanted retribution, "He wanted a body on the cross," said one party insider. A leak inquiry was set up. and Mr Simmonds fell victim

to technology. The internal inquiry concluded late on Mon-day night that it must have been sent using e-mail.

Mr Simmonds was called in and told to go. Mr Ancram broke the news to senior staff at 9am. They were forbidden to talk to the press. Details leaked a few minutes later.

Mr Hague overrode the advice Of Mr Ancram and Archie Norman, the Asda chairman and party chief executive. to let Mr Simmonds leave quietly after the European elecoons in June. "We wanted to avoid any more bad headlines," said one official. "Hague was having none of it.

He wanted him out" Another longstanding offi-cial said: "The inner-circle does not consult, it dictates. Anvone who can find a life raft will get on it. The current atmosphere is bad. Very bad. Morale is now subterranean, not low. It is reminiscent of the last days of an East European dictatorship. People are trying to get out. We cannot bear to read the papers any more. Except the job vacancies."

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people who have fled Kosovo and said plans were being

made for flights every Tuesday

Refugees will go to councils

around Edinburgh and Glas-

gow over the next three weeks.

Among other areas being cho-

sen are Manchester and Old-

In Derbyshire doctors and

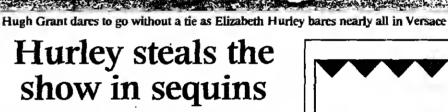
social workers are getting

ready for the second group of

refugees to arrive in Britain

since the Nato bombing cam-paign started. The arrival of

and Thursday.



JULIA ROBERTS may be the star but another Liz Hurley dress stole the show last night at the premiere of Notting Hill, the longawaited follow-up to Four

Weddings and a Funeral. Although she does not appear in the film, Hurley's sequined Versace dress ensured that she shared the limelight when she arrived on the arm of her boyfriend Hugh Grant. Roberts's

the refugees comes as the gov-

ernment has admitted that the

number of people seeking asy-

lum in Britain this year could

rise to 62,000 compared with

caused chaos in the Asylum

The backlog rose by 10,400 in

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and Immigracion Directorate.

the first three months this year

The rising numbers have

52,000 last year.

to reach 74,000.

co-star. Five years ago another Versace creation. apparently held together by safety pins, thrust Hurley centre-stage at the premiere

of Four Weddings. Roberts, who was last to arrive at the Odeon in Leicester Square, also opted for seguins and stopped to sign autographs. Earl Spencer, Elton John and Joanna Lumley were among the guests at the opening.

Students

both guilty

A motive for the savage mur-

der of college student Russell

Crookes remained a mystery

as his two best friends faced

life sentences for the killing.

Neil Sayers, 19, and Graham Wallis, 18, stabbed 17-year-old

Russell Crookes to death at

Hadlow College in Kent be-

fore burning and dismember-

ing his body and burying it in

a shallow grave. Sayers was

found guilty of the murder by a jury at Maidstone Crown

Court. Wallis had already

admitted the killing ..... Page 3



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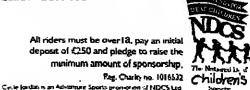
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Space tourist Welshman books Mir holiday would take place. A US businessman

BY ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW AND ADAM SHERWIN

A BRITISH businessman has agreed to pay \$100 million for a week-long ride on Russia's ageing, accident-prone Mir space station. Russian offi-

Peter Liewellyn, 51, Welsh-born but living in the US, intends to travel to the orbital spacecraft in August in a Source Mir's operations, upgrading equipruns Mir, and other projects. In return, he gets his Mir flight.

Mr Llewellyn, who is married with two children and made his fortune rocket with two Russian cosmonauts.

After a week in space, he will return to ny called Microlife USA, will begin

complex near Moscow.

for the Russian space agency, was not one ex-astronaut even claimed it is yet convinced Mr Llewellyn's flight



cials announced yesterday.

Earth with the Mir's current crew. The deal calls for Mr Llewellyn, who holds a pilor's licence, to invest at least \$100 million (£62 million) into financing ment at one of the plants of the staterun RKK Energia company, which

training next month at the Star City

The director of the Russian space agency. Yuri Koptev, said Mr Llewellyn's funds, to be paid in £25 million instalments, "could serve to prolong the life of Mir by several months". After the end of August, when govern ment cash runs out. Mir would be left to burn up in the Earth's atmosphere. But Sergei Gorbunov, a spokesman

with links to the Russian space programme said: "\$100 million is way over the odds. I was offered a trip to Mir last year for \$20 million." And Sergei Gromov, spokesman for Energia, said he had only seen the Welshman once. "He didn't make a devastaring impression on me." But Mr Llewelyn must be fearless. Mir has suffered many accidents in its 13-year orbit; and

# Ceremonial squabble as Dewar makes his last stand

YESTERDAY saw a small and, for Westminster parliamentarians, poignant ceremony. Donald Dewar conducted the last ever proper session of Commons Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Next week come the elections to a Scottish parliament which is to assume most of Westminster's responsibilities. Its new first minister (expected to be Mr Dewar) will answer for these in the Edinburgh assembly. In London there will be an abbreviated opportunity to ask a minister (probably not Mr Dewar, or not for long) certain questions about Scotland - but

WILLIAM HAGUE was

warned yesterday that his

attempts to reposition the Con-

servative Party have left him

vulnerable should poor mid-

term election results spark a

in such a contest, Mr Hague's decision to ditch Thatcherite

baggage would cost him the support of significant num-

bers of rightwingers, many of

them his supporters during

That warning came as it emerged that Labour is look-

ing to capitalise on the low

Tory showing in the polls - by

eyeing up sears it could take

from them in a general elec-

tion. Labour has drawn up a target list tif 25 where Tory

MPs have a majority of less

than 2.000; ministers canvass-

ing for local elections have

made a point of visiting them.

Juhn Prescott, the Deputy

Prime Minister, was yesterday

in Weymouth - part of Dorset South, where the Tory majori-

ty is 77. Alan Howarth, Cul-

ture Minister, was in Hexham

Darling, Social Security Secre-tary, has canvassed in Mid

Norfolk, which the Tories hold

Tory majority 222. Alistair

the John Major succession.

MPs on the Right said that

challenge to his leadership.

casion will be, to the fashionable parlance, diminished and degraded.

So the 45 minotes after Prayers on Tuesday were a collector's item, and MPs

John Maxion (Lab. Glasgow Cathcart) was the first to put ioto words what was on every mind. He congratulated Mr Dewar on this "last Scottish Question Time" and wished him well in the new parliament where, Mr Maxton was confident, Mr Dewar was shortly to take control.

Early indication of the trouhle Mr Dewar will face there came from the only Scottish

Poor election

results 'could

topple Hague'

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

their Millbank headquarters

will pore over election results

in those areas to decide if they

may be vulnerable. The revela-

tion that Labour has not ruled

out increasing its 176-seat Com-

Speculation about Mr

mons majority will further un-

Hague's leadership prospects had already returned to West-

minster after his attempts to

move his party away from a

free-market approach to the

welfare state. Tory MPs from

across the spectrum are

agreed that results in next

week's local elections, together

with the party's showing in Scotland, Wales, and at the Eu-

ropean elections in June, could

It also emerged yesterday

prove critical to Mr Hague.

that Tory strategists were re-lieved not to have to fight a by-

election in Newark after the in-

itial disqualification of Fiona

Jones. First surveys in the Not-

tinghamshire seat, won by 3,016 votes, suggested Labour

Although few yesterday

were predicting a leadership

challenge, many said it could

emerge as an issue over the

next six weeks. In Mr Hague's

would have kept it.

settle Tory morale.



National Party MP present. John Swinney (Tayside N) ac-cused ministers of secret deals to "carve up" Scotland's new parliament, which would be forced "to take London's orders from new Labour". Labour MPs clucked and howled with irritation.

The minister replying, Henry MeLeish, called Mr Swinney "pathetic". The front bench well knows that in Edinburgh the SNP will carieature a Scottish Labour ad-

tions, although a failure to im-

prove by more than 1,000 coun-

cil seats from the party's low

watermark four years ago would set alarm bells ringing.

Even MPs from the Right who helped Mr Hague be-come leader said that he

would be unable to count on

large sections of support again. "He has isolated pro-

Europeans and now he has iso-

lated free-marketeers. That's a

lot of people," said one. Another suggested the criti-

cal point would come if the

elections show the Tories

beached on their present 27

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per cent showing.

ministration as they always have at Westminster: as an English oco-colonial satrapy run by Labour's tartan Quis-lings and Uncle McToms. This sketchwriter, who has for more than a decade had to endure and report these equabbles at Westminster. felt a huge inward relief that this regular Labour v SNP fix-ture will from now on be

played away. Just how much will be played away was brought

home when Mr Dewar appeared to rebuff even a friendly question from behind him - from Rosemary McKenna (Lab. Comber-nauld and Kilsyth). Mrs McKenna asked about "modern apprenticeships" and "life-loog learning" and wondered what good news he would shortly be reporting on both — to the Scottish parliament.

was not sure it was for the Commons even to inquire. Nicholas Winterton (C, Macdesfield) remarked that there was shortly to be a "massive transfer of power" to Scotland (Dewar congratulat-

ed him on "getting to the nub

of the matter with uncharacteristic speed") and asked the Secretary of State how much of this Scottish MPs at Westminster would remain able to monitor. Not a lot, it appeared from Dewar's reply.

Harry Cohen (Lab, Leyton

and Wanstead) opened up what may prove an entirely oew front. Asking about Scottish law on male rape (laws which he thought illiberal) Mr Dewar replied that he the cheeky Londoner spoke rather as MPs do at Foreign Office Questions when they scold the Foreign Secretary over threats to human rights in legislation abroad. Mr Cohen's collicagues looked confused. An English progres-

sive thinker is in favour of Scottish self-government, but against infringements of homan rights. Which trumps which? Urgent guidance required from Millbank.

Sir Teddy Taylor (C. Rochford and Southend E) asked how, as Scottish first minister. Mr Dewar planned to advise Westminster MPs of his parliament's doings. He replied that they could read about it in the Scottish parlia-

ment's official report.
"I am not sure," Mr Dewar added in his customarily mournful way, "that was the most exciting answer I have ever given, but I hope it may

### NEWS IN BRIEF **Poll shows** pessimism in Ulster

Tony Blair will hold further talks with Northern Ireland's political parties on the deadlocked peace process this week, but a poll has shown that just half of the province's population believes that the Good Friday peace accord will survive another year. Bertie Ahern, the Irish Taoiseach, had been expected to join the talks at Downing Street, but in a clear sign that no breakthrough is imminent he will not. The Irish Times-RTE poll showed that support for the accord has risen to 73 per cent, but 52 per cent believe that it will survive another year and just 26 per cent believed there would be lasting peace. Seventy per cent said that politicians should compromise.

### Libel impasse

A High Court jury failed to reach a verdict oo a libel action hrought hy the Tory MP Bill Cash against the Sunday Mirror for calling him a "gutless turncoat". Mr Cash will decide whether to seek a retrial oo the 1992 story, which said he deserted miners in his con-stituency in their hour of oced.

### Quiz show wins

Who Wants To Be a Millionaire, the most successful quiz show in television bistory. won a silver rose at the Montreux Television Festival, The ITV programme has aodienees of nearly 19 million. The Golden Rose of Montreux went to The League of Gentleman a BBC2 sketch show

### Skateboard death

Kristina Jacobs, 7, died after her skateboard rolled from the drive of a house in Crowborough, East Sussex, into the path of a passing car, police said. The girl is believed to have been lying on the board when it was hit by a slow-moving Mercedes

### Beef is back

The nomber of vegetarians in Britain is falling and beef consumption is back to the level it was at before the BSE crisis started, the annual Realeat Survey conducted by Gallup says. Five per cent of the population, roughly 3 million, are vegetarians, a fall of 0.4 per cent over the year.

### Race debate off

The Oxford Union has cancelled a debate featuring John Tyndall, the British National Party Chairman, after police raised security fears in the wake of nail bombiogs in London. The Oxford University debating society invited the far-right leader to a debate on racism on May 17.



The odd-job couple: Bernard Manning emerges as the Tories' answer to Sean Connery in Scotland, Diary, page 20

# Howard backs party leader

By MARK INGLEFIELD, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Conservative Party had been right to elect William Hague as its leader ahead of him, Michael Howard said

yesterday. His verdict, coming less than a week after he severely criticised the speech by Peter Lilley that provoked Mr Hague's most serious internal revolt, may surprise Tories. But Mr Howard, the Shadow

Foreign Secretary, put up a united front yesterday despite the dressing down that he gave his party leader at a Shad-

ow cabinet meeting last week. Colleagues are still talking of the way he tore the speech apart, paragraph by para-graph, jabbing his finger at every new violation of the Thatcherite creed that he hulds so dear.

"I think the party made the right decision," Mr Huward told The Times yesterday. "I think William has been able to do things in the party, in respects of organisation, in a way I could not have done.

He has been able to look at things with a newer look than I could. And of course he was not as associated with the fast government as I am."

Although Mr Howard, accepted that Mr Hague was facing an uphill struggle to win the hearts and minds of his



own party and the public, he insisted it would happen in the end. "I think the public will come around to appreciate his very considerable abilities and don't think we should be obsessed about what the polls tell us at the mument because that can change."

Mr Howard has decided to

tics after Mr Hague's summer reshuffle. He claims that he finds being in opposition frus-trating. He refused to comment on the row that has split the Shadow cabinet. "I am not going to say any more than I have already," he said. "If you want to know exactly what Peter Lilley was saying you will have to ask him. There is history between Mr

stand down from frontline poli-

Howard and Mr Hague who famously betrayed Mr Howard during the 1997 Tory Party leadership contest. Over a glass of champagne at Mr Howard's London home, he pledged his support the older MP's candidature. In the end, he ran himself and won.

Asked if he was disheartened by William Hague's poor poll rating. Mr Howard said. "He needs time and should be given time. I don't think we should be obsessed by what the polls tell us at the mo-

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### Heads' union to back **Ofsted** BY HANNAH BETTS A GROUP of head teachers

from "beacon schools" is be-hind a new union that aims to support Ofsted and education reforms.

They are all disillusioned members of the Nadonal Association of Head Teachers, who complain at the leadership of the general secretary. David Hart. Mr Hart led the move last week to ask the Director of Public Prosecutions to investigate accusations that Chris Woodhead, head of Ofsted, had an affair with a sixthformer more than 20 years ago. Jim Hudson, a founder of the new union and head of a school in Milton Keynes, said yesterday: 'The Woodhead decision was the straw that broke the camel's back, but we

a pro-active, positive reaction from teaching unions?" Most of the 30-strong rebel group are members of the National Outstanding Primary Schools School-Centred Initial Teacher Training Consortium. a group of 50 schools that has formed a teacher-training institution with the blessing of Mr Woodhead. Each has received an outstanding inspection report, and many are

have been considering this for some time. When is there ever

centres of excellence. Mr Hart said: "They think that this is about being pro- or anti-Woodhead, burir is not. It is about integrity in public life." The new union will be called the National Association of Primary Teachers.

also "beacon schools", which are Government designated

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Poll shows,

how we have managed to The families of both Wallis

Detective Chief Inspector



TWO college students who stabbed their best friend to death because "he got on Dave Stevens, who led the murder enquiry said: "This their nerves", then burnt and dismembered his body, were

last night facing tife in jait. Mr Justice Newman said that the murder of Russell Crookes. 17, posed wider questions for society, prompt-ing him to delay sentence until next month to enable him to study the case more

Graham Wallis, 18, had admitted murdering Russell in the grounds of Hadlow College, Kent, in May last year and was the main prosecution witness against Neil Sayers. 19, who was yesterday convicted of the crime at Maidstone Crown Court.

Mr Justice Newman said yesterday: "This brutal murder raises questions of the first importance touching both these defendants, their future life in society, the interest and plight of Russell Crookes' family, the interests of the defendants' family, the interests of Hadlow Agriculthan that, the interests of soci-

ety at large.
"I have taken steps to see that at the time of the court sentencing for these young men it is as fully informed as

it can be." The jury, which took 80 minutes to convict Sayers of murder, had earlier passed the judge a note that read: "All members of the jury express their concern about the lack of supervision and adequate pastoral care of the under-18s resident at the col-

Outside the court yester-day Russell's father, Malcolm. an engineer said: "We can't comprehend how anyone could do that. Most civilised people could not. How could anyone do that to a fellow human being and a

Russell's sister Sarah, 31. said: "It has been a terrible ordeal for us. We don't know

and Sayers refused to com-

case has been one of the most disturbing Kent police have investigated. "Perhaps the most disturb-

ing feature was the two young men, who were Russell's close friends, could turn on him in a such a barbaric

Mr Stevens said that evidence of a teenage secret society and a preoccupation with violent videos, particularly about the SAS, had not helped police to establish a

motive for the killing. In a statement, Elizabeth Browning, the chairman of the board of governors at Hadlow, said that the case "has heightened our awareness of the vulnerability of young people".

"A large part of the college resources and energy are directed towards creating a secure, structural environment for students. This is a tragedy for all concerned, particularly for the families of the three young men at the centre of uis triat. Our moughts are

The judge will pass sen-tence on Wallis, from Croydon, South London, and Sayers, from Gillingham, Kent,



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Russell Crookes, centre, who was stabbed to death by his student friends, Neil Sayers, left, and Graham Wallis, right. They burnt his body and buried it in a shallow grave

# They entered the woods boys. They came out killers

ON A moonlit May night io the Kent countryside ocar Toohridge. three close friends from the horticultural college at Hadlow went wandering in the woods, as they had often done before, to share the pleasures and enthusiasms of

But by the night's end one was dead, nurdered in chilliogly cold blood by the other two. All three were from professional middleclass families, the victim was Russell Crookes, the son of an engiocer, the murderers Graham Wallis, son of a bank manager, and Neil Sayers, an army officer's son.

What brands the killers most of all is their detachment. They were callow youths still chained to hoy-hood interests, yet they were cal-lons beyond belief. Having stabbed Crookes at least twenty

times and set fire to the body, Wallis and Sayers returned calmly to their college rooms to refresh themselves on orange squash and ginger-nut hiscoits, returning later to hury the remains. Unfortunately for them, they could not be bothered to go down beyond a spade's depth, allowing a passing that be did not like homosexuals.

dog on a walk with his owner to sniff out the evidence 12 days later. On May 13 last year the three ap-peared to be a close-knit gang call-ing themselves The Brotherhood. after a popolar computer game oo army tactics. They went to a copse less than a mile from the college, which they had named their "training ground". They would smoke and drink into the early hours, of-

Pair's motive for turning on their friend may never become clear, writes Richard Duce ten missing lectures the next morning. They had discovered a mutual interest in survival skills taught to special forces behind enemy lines and, unknown to the college au-thorities, would often take sleeping bags and spend the night in the woods. None had a girlfriend, although Crookes made it dear

> Somehow, as time went by, the dynamics of their little set had changed. As midnight of May 13 passed, and the distant sound of the college disco faded into si-lence, the three sat staring into the remains of their camp fire.

As Crookes, wearing shorts and new Recbok trainers, stood up to go, he was stubbed through the

chest and fell to the ground. He turned to Wallis for help but was stabbed at least 19 more times. His body was rolled to the camp-

fire, where it was doused with lighter fluid and torched. His killers calmly returned to their college rooms, returning later to bury their victim in a grave which, had it been a little deeper, might have had Rossell Crookes listed for years as a missing persoo rather than a morder victim.

Sayers and Wallis had decided some days before that they would murder Crookes. Sayers had brought a pickage from home and the two had chosen a hurial site hut, in a trial run, the chosen. ground had proven unyieldingand io the event they chose a shallow grave in the ondergrowth. Victim and killers, three among

a thousand students at the Staterun college, formed a close bood from their first days there io September 1996, when they arrived to study for a BTech in horticulture. Sayers, whose father served in the Royal Engineers, had a collection of knives which students say he polished obsessively. He is said to have been bullied at school and to have been dissuaded by his father from a military career.

Wallis, on the other hand, spread his interests to classical music, listening to Radio 4, and pursuing the occult. He was a gangly youth whom students described as

hair in a 1970s quiff.

Crookes was far from gangly—
he was a hig youth, 6ft tall and 14
stooe. He is described as the most ebullient of the three, who began to bully the other two. At first Savers and Wallis laughed it off hut during the trial it emerged as the only possible reason.

Crookes began to taunt Sayers as being a "pansy" and referred lo Wallis as "Lord Ponsonby" or "Gay-ham". Yet at the trial when Wallis, who admitted murder, was given every opportunity to offer some rational motive for the killing, he could not. He said it was Sayers who had initiated the murder. If there is any motive, il appears to lurk deep in the recesses of the male psyche that has not yet made cootact with the real world.

# The two men who chased birds for 12,000 miles

SOUTH WEST

AFTER a lifetime as a hatters' merchant, Harry Howard decided that he had had enough ol making braid bows for trilbies. So he packed his bags and his binoculars, kissed his wife goodbye and set off around

the world to watch birds. A year later the 59-year-old Lancashire businessman can claim a world record for birdspotting having seen a representative of every one of the 202 bird "families" in less than a year. He was accompanied by a professional ernithologist. Derck Scott, who planned their innerary of 28 countries with such precision that they missed neither a bird nor an

aircraft. Hitting their target required two round-the-world trips, six months apart. The first, lasting 54 days, took them to coun-tries in the Northern Hemisphere, the second, spread over nine weeks, was to the Southern.

In between, they fitted in visits to Central Asia. East Africa and West Africa. They kept it up right to the end, with trips to Southern Africa, Mexico and Switzerland in the final weeks of the 12 months. Altogether they sighted

2.726 different types of birds.

But Mr Howard never saw his

wife, Freda, again. Shortly af-

ter arriving in Brazil on his sec-



Mr Howard at home after his record hird-spotting trip

ond journey she fell ill and before he could get home she had died of cancer. As his wife had encouraged him to attempt the record in the first place, Mr Howard decided to resume his travels after a brief visit home for the funeral. Mr Howard, from Arnside,

had never suffered from "twitchy" feet and his most exotic birdwatching trips had been to Morecambe Bay. Then he met Mr Scott.

gether and got chatting, as you

He said: "Derek's parents were neigbours and one day we were out birdwatching to-

money to go,' so I just got up out of my armchair and went." Mr Scott, from Dursley, in Gloucestershire, was already professional ornithologist

er forgot that.

who had recorded 6,400 species on birdwatching trips to more than 120 countries. He said: "It was more than just about record-setting. It was Harry's trip of a lifetime." What made it difficult was that 40 of the bird families have very few species and in

do in idle moments. He said to me: 'I have often thought that you could see all the bird fami-

lies in the world in a year but nobody's ever done that.' I nev-

"Many years later I was

looking at my bank statement and thought. The got enough

some cases only one. "Finding them requires some special effort as they are very localised, scarce, strictly nocturnal or very secretive," Mr Scott said. Their epic journeying in-volved 80 scheduled flights on 31 different airlines. They stayed in 83 different hotels and spent II nights in forest shelters or tents. More than 12,000 miles were clocked up

in 25 different self-drive cars

over 89 days in 17 countries. For another 31 days, hired vehi-cles with drivers took them

around Kenya, Uganda, Kaza-

khstan, Cameroon, Argentina and Madagascar. Two dozen trips were on water Epic footslogging included eight miles in deep snow in Kazakhstan's Alatau Mountains. Once they waited three days to see a rockfowl in the Korup National Park of Cam-

eroon. West Africa. Since his return, Mr Howard has resumed work as Britain's last hatters' merchant. A few days ago he heard that an acquaintance was plainning to take part in a roundthe-world car journey and needed a navigator. "I was tempted for a moment," he

said. "But only for a moment."

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# Gunman waited for victim's return

Witnesses saw suspect in street an hour before attack, write Michael

### Harvey and Stewart Tendler

THE man who killed Jill Dando may have paced up and down the streets around her house in Fulham for an hour waiting for her to arrive bome. detectives said yesterday. In what police described as

a "brutal attack", the killer put a gun to Miss Dando's head and fired a single shot as she stood at her front door, holding shopping bags in both hands. There was no sign of a

struggle. Police have at least seven witnesses who saw a smartly dressed suspect in the area before and after the murder. The witnesses suggest that the kill-er was walking the streets from about 10.30am.

After the murder he could have rushed to a nearby park. dumped the gun, coat and a pair of glasses in the Thames and made his escape.

He was last seen at a nearby bus stop. Yesterday Detective Inspector Hamish Campbell, leading a team of more than 30 detectives, said the killer could have ended his getaway by catching a bus towards South London.

Bus drivers on the Number 74 service, which runs every ten minutes to Roehampton past the murder scene, have been questioned by police in case they picked the man up. Yesterday officers began investigating Miss Dando's pri-

vate life, tracing former boyfriends and talking to BBC staff about any threats she may have received. Mr Campbell said that Miss Dando began the day at the home of her fiance, Alan Farthing, in Chiswick. She talked

and then left shortly after She stopped in Hammersmith and went shopping in the large mall in King Street. Police are now looking at closed circuit television to see

to a friend on the telephone

if anyone was following her. Miss Dando then drove home to Gowan Avenue and arrived just after 11.30am. A neighbour heard her get out of her car, switch on the alarm. which gave two short beeps, and then walk to her door. She was due to go to a fashion photo shoot in the afternoon and then go for a fitting for her wedding dress. Mr Campbell

said that her killer was either waiting for her or had followed her through the gate.

Richard Hughes, who lives next door, heard a scream. The killer pressed the gun to the side of his victim's head and fired. Police think that the shot was so close that much of the sound from a semi-automatic firing a single 9mm bullet was muffled.

The first man to see the suspect in the area was Alan Taylor, 55, who was cleaning windows at a house opposite Miss Dando's property at No 26. During a cigarette break upstairs he looked out of the window and saw a man on the other side of the street walking up and down outside the television presenter's elegant twostorey terraced house.

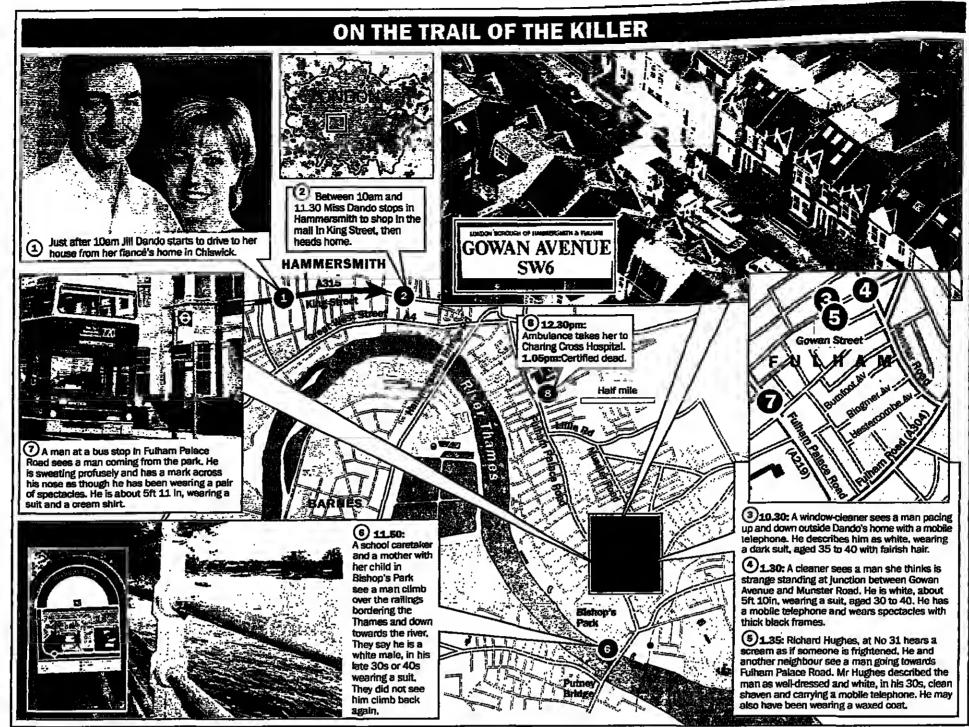
Mr Taylor said: "It was about 10.30am I noticed this man. I thought he looked like an estate agent. He was suited and booted and he was looking at a couple of the houses. I did not take much notice because you get a lot of estate agents round here.

"It was only later when I found out what happened that I realised I might have seen the murderer. He was stockyish, wearing a dark suit and he seemed to have fairish hair. He was definitely holding a mobile phone, but he was not acting suspiciously."
Mr Taylor, who runs a win-

dow cleaning business in the Fulham area, added: "I did not notice him when I left the house shortly after II. That must have been only half an hour or so before Jill Dando was killed. It is a terrible thing to have happened to such a lovely lady."

A cleaner going between jobs saw a man of a similar description at the end of the road. She thought that he seemed odd because he was wearing glasses that did not

A few minutes later one of Miss Dando's neighbours saw the suspect running from the murder scene. Geoffrey Upfill-Brown, who lives almost opposite Miss Dando's house, said that he was going out through his front door to go to the post office at around 11.30am when he noticed the man running down Gowan Avenue towards



Fulham Palace Road. "I came out of the house and saw the man running down the road away from Jill Dando's house. I was suspicious because people don't run in this road."

He said that the man was wearing a black jacket and black trousers, possibly a suit. "He was in my sight for about four to five seconds. He started off running fast, but then he heard my gate click. He looked in my direction and saw me and slowed down to a slower jog. He went behind a

lorry parked in the road and I didn't see him again. He just didn't look right, he looked suspicious."

Mr Upfill-Brown, 71, who has lived in the road for many years, said he knew Miss Dan-do by sight. After noticing the man he set off in the opposite direction towards Munster Road and the post office. He said he passed Miss Dando's house but noticed nothing.

Mr Upfill-Brown said police

had interviewed him and he

tails, but added: "He looked as if he was running away from something. Afterwards when I heard what happened I immediately went to the police."

Detectives now believe that the man may have run through Bishop's Park, close to the scene, and reached the Thames where he may have dumped his gun, a coat and a pair of glasses he used as a disguise.

A mother and her young son reported seeing a man climb over railings to the river. She

was going to confront him about setting a bad example for her son, but stopped her-

The man was also seen by a caretaker from a local school. Jim Collins, who works at Ali Saints Primary School in Bishop's Park, which stands between Gowan Avenue and the river, said: "I was down by the river at about 11.50 and I saw this man going over the rail-ings. I think he was wearing a suit and possibly had dark hair." Neither Mr Collier nor

the woman saw the man reemerge from the edge of the

Minutes later a man with a similar description appeared at bus queue sweating profusely. One of the people in queue noticed he had marks on his nose as though he had been

wearing glasses.
It also emerged yesterday that detectives were checking how many people visited Miss Dando's house after she put it on the market through a local

Miss Dando, 38, who was selling the £400,000 property in advance of her marriage in September, told neighbours that a sale was going through and that she hoped to move 17m. 15 51272

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out by July. One neighbour said: "Initially she wanted to have a private sale because she did not want any publicity and curious fans riffling through her possessions." She said she was later. surprised to see a picture of Miss Dando with the house in

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# Weapon used in shooting popular with underworld

POLICE believe that the gun which killed Jill Dando could have been a wartime souvenir or bought in the underworld for a few bundred pounds.

Ballistics experts have examined the bullet and the cartridge case found near Miss Dando's body and told detectives that the weapon was a semi-automatic handgun, firing a 9mm round. Similar guns have been manufactured in their millions by every weapon maker in the world since the end of the last

The ammunition was introduced as the metric version of the legendary 38. Almost every army and police force in the world uses the 9mm for semi-automatics. It is a powerful round that would normally be fatal fired at close range

In Britain, Browning 9mm semi-automatics were issued to servicemen in the 1950s and are still in use by the Army. Scotland Yard's marksmen and VIP protection officers



A gun like the murder weapon can be bought for £300

made by the Austrian firm

Civilians are now banned in Britain from owning the guns by legislation introduced after the Dunblane massacre. However, there could still be thousands of exservice weapons and war souv-

enirs held in secret. They are also readily available in the underworld and one police source said that a weapon could be bought for

UK team as part of the investi-

gation. The other is the search

for Gracia Morton, who van-

ished 18 months ago in Not-

tective in 1979. He worked in the Anti-Terrorist Branch and also the Yard's Criminal Intelligence Branch before moving to the area major incident

team at Kensington. He received three commendations

in the early 1990s for his work

on murder inquiries, a rape

case and for anti-terrorist work.

Mr Campbell, 41, joined the police in 1974 and became a de-

ting Hill.

£300 to £400. About half the hand weapons seized by the police from criminals in Lon-don would fit the general description of the gun that

killed Miss Dando. Underworld arms dealers would be able to supply a gun for a few days for professional criminals preparing a robbery or a murder. But finding such a supplier would be difficult without contacts.

Kate Broadhurst, a crim-

inologist of the Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, Leicester, said: "The sawn-off shotgun is the weapon of choice for the bank robber . . . this is the weapon of the drug dealer and the weapon of the professional criminal.

She said that the gun could have been hired from a criminal armoury for a day or a week. A professional hitman could get hold of it easily, but a jilted lover or a stalker would have great difficulty. "He would have to make a conscious effort. He couldn't walk into a pub in the East End and get one. Your face would have to fit in those circumstances."

Dr Paul Britton, a consultant clinical and forensic psychologist, said that in his experience contract killers used a different weapon from the 9mm semi-automatic used to shoot Miss Dando.

"People think that it must be a contract killer, but a professional contract killer would use a smaller calibre," he said. "For a head shot at short range, a small-calibre gun is more effective."

### Murder detective's Crimewatch links

HAMISH CAMPBELL, the detective in charge of the hunt for Jill Dando's murderer, has been a murder detective for more than ten years working in Central London. Recently



Campbell: heads team hunting for murderer

Notice to Lloyds Bank promoted to Detective Chief Inspector, he is already investigating two of Scotland Yard's toughest cases. One is the sex Customers murderer who attacked and killed 12-year-old Katrina Koneva in her home in Hammersmith two years ago. He worked with the Crimewatch

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# Record 11m tune into **BBC** news bulletin

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

figure reached 7.2

JILL DANDO'S death broke audience records for the Six O'Clock News, the BBC programme she once presented. Nearly 11 million viewers

watched Martyn Lewis announce the murder on Monday evening, the highest re-corded figure since 1992 and nearly double the average audience. **PEAK TIME** 

Previously the programme's biggest The Six O'Clock audience had been 10.6 million when News usually atthe Queen paid a personal tribute to Diana. Princess of seveo millioo and it takes a hoge news Wales, after her death in 1997. event to elevate the Figures for the figures above eight

day the Princess died, and for the return of her body to Britain from France, cannot be millioo at its peak. When that Tony compared directly because it was a Sunday and the television schedules were swept aside to provide a rolling news service. The audience that day peaked at 9pm with 8.3 million viewers.

viewers However, many said that the level of public shock was reminscent of that after the Princess's death. Adam Hazelwood, from London, sent an e-mail yesterday stating: "It feels like a déjà vu of the tragic circumstances in Paris two years previous."

A BBC spokesman said that the overwhelming response to Miss Dando's murder was a measure of how much affection and respect the public had for her. At one point condo-lence calls were flooding into the BBC switchboard in London every two seconds. Emails were sent to BBC News

Online at four a minute and the BBC website registered its highest number of page views three million - since its launch in November 1997.

Monday's Six O'Clock News figures are unconsolidated and may turn out to be higher. That day the Nine O'Clock News' audience swelled to just over

10 million and the BBC tribute to Miss Dando that followed was watched by 8.5 million. A tribute present-ed on ITV — a chan-nel for which she never worked -- by Trevor McDonald or nine million. On the day the Allies at Spm was seen by 7.8 million. "It just shows the strength went in to bomb Belgrade last month the of feeling towards Jill," the BBC said.

Blair took over at 10 book of condolence Downiog Street, the at BBC Television figure was just over | Centre in West London. More books were opened at BBC offices around Britain to meet demand from

A steady stream of people signed a

row and sympathy. The next edition of the monthly Crimewatch UK will be shown, as planned, on May 18, with Nick Ross presenting it alone. "Jill cared passionately about Crimewatch UK as a public service programme and . would have wanted the series to carry on." a BBC spokesman said.

those seeking to express sor-

Miss Dando will not be replaced as co-host on May 9 of the Bafta Television Awards. which Michael Parkinson will now anchor alone. It will include a tribute.

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Another name is added to the book of condolence at the BBC Television Centre in London yesterday. Books were opened at BBC offices nationwide

## Why this death mattered to millions

MANY lovely young women are murdered. Some people may have found it bizarre that one sad death should inspire the Queen and the Prime Minister to issue statements, the Home Secretary to address the House of Commons, and so moch airtime to be diverted to make way

for instant tributes. My view was that the television coverage of Jill Dando's killing on Monday night was well judged. Such was the unexpectedness of it, if there had been less coverage we would have felt cheated of a conduit for our curiosity to know; where did that bright, energetic, effervescent girl spring from? What was she really like? At what stage was her life when it was so brutally cut short? Why would anyone want to kill someone liked by all?
That the Queen should have been

moved to comment was interesting on several levels. Perhaps the Royal Family used to find themselves remarking oo Dando's likeness to Diana, Princess of Wales. Perhaps the Valerie Grove says broadcaster was one of a special few who deserve generous tribute

Queen often finds herself switching 00 Holiday or Crimewatch. Perhaps - I hope not - Her Majesty was pushed to comment because her press office was asked to do so, and was miodfut of the misplaced reticence oo the last occasioo when the death of a blonde thirtysomething caught the sentimental hearts of the nation. I prefer to think that the Queen intuitively recognised that Dando's shining likeability and professors on the professors of the p ficiency oo screen singled her out to merit a royal tribute.

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Our reactions to deaths of public figures are not arbitrary. There are some we care about and others we barely blink an cyclid about. Televisual fame cunfers an aura of intimate friendship on some. We read the obitnary pages without feeling much when an aged general or a brilliant

professor has reached the end of a long and useful life. On the deaths of sovereigns and statesmen, media coverage is expansive but dutiful. Only a handfut of people have the special qualities that cause genoine sorrow and regret among millions at their deaths. Kennedys, John Lennons, Di-anas fall into this category, cut off in their prime, afflicting even the most robust and cynical, etching themselves into the collective memory.

There is a gulf between the polite regret with which we greet oews of some "household name" passing and the involuntary welling of shock and grief that is the true test of whether we care. Most of us, who saw Dando only oo the screen, discovered that

Many terrible crimes go almost un-remarked — children killed by hit-

and-run drivers, helpless pensiooers battered to death. It is oot heartlessness that causes our apparent indifference but the impossibility of feeling involved in lives that do oot impinge on us personally. Then suddenly a death occurs that focuses oor fears about contemporary society. Because she stood bravely in the studio appealing for help in solving crime. Dando stood for right versus wroog. The fact that the news of her death

came in the middle of bulletins about the racist bombs in Loodoo and the Prime Minister's statement on the Nato summit only pointed up its relevance. Giving us a means of focusing our anger and compassioo is vital in a vile and violent world. We are desperately moved by the plight of the kosovo refugees — for whom Dando helped to raise £10 million with a televised appeal. Like the Princess of Wales's efforts for landmine victims, it left a final impression of a power-ful potential for good snuffed out. That alone merited the airtime,

### **Flowers** form a shrine outside house

By Michael Harvey

THE pavement opposite Jill Dando's home yesterday became a flower-decked shrine

to the television presenter. Floral tributes arrived steadily throughout the day in Gowan Avenue, Fulham, West London. By late afternoon more than 50 bouquets lay lining the wall of a neighbour's house.

Chief among them was a dozen yellow roses sent by Nick Ross, her Crimewatch copresenter. Using the catch-phrase with which he ends the programme, he wrote: "To Jill, we will miss you dreadfully. Do sleep well. Nick."

Next to it was another bouquet from other colleagues on the programme. The card on the dozen red roses said: "With love from the Crimewatch team." There were also bouquets from co-workers on the Holiday programme which she fronted so successfully.

A large bouquet of pink roses and white tulips had a Holiday programme postcard attached with the message: "Dearest Jill, You touched us all. We'll miss you so much. With all our love, your friends on Holiday X." on Holiday. X.\*

Her popularity among the general public was signalled with a wide range of loving tributes. One from Zhara Behzadi, 8, was decorated with a smiling drawing of the presenter and the inscription: "I was very sad about lhe sad news. I will miss you." Another in-scription with white roses said: "Rest peacefully, Sleeping Beauty". A card with a bunch of pink carnations asked: "Can anyone tell us why? We've lost another English rose."

The flowers were delivered by florists from people as far away as Edinburgh. One large bouquet arrived by black cab. The driver said that a distraught young man had handed them to him at Victoria station, given him £20, and asked him to lay them on the spot where she died.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Police shoot

rampaging

bullocks

Police shot dead two es-caped bullocks that attacked

cars and destroyed gardens

during a three-hour ram-

page through Dudley, West

Midlands, on Monday. One

of the animals repeatedly

rammed a minibus carrying

several elderly people, none

of whom was injured.

Police chased it into the

grounds of a factory and

The other headed the

wrong way down a busy

road, colliding head on with

a small car before making its way to the Merry Hill

Shopping Centre, where it

was shot. Police are trying

An apology has been sent to

parents given a video of a musical performed by pu-pils at Greycotes School:

Oxford, that cootained an

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# Kirk opens its arms to prostitutes

Church of Scotland wants moral condemnation switched to kerb crawlers, reports Ruth Gledhill

PROSTITUTION is no greater a sin than adultery and more should be done to minister to prostitutes and those who use them, a church report published yesterday says.

The Church of Scotland, urging its members in "love" prostitutes rather than condemn them, is calling for a debate over the decriminalisation of prostitution. It also wants Scotland's new assembly to consider in a kerb crawling law that shifts moral condemnation from the prostitutes to the men who use them.

"Consideration needs to be given to ways in which both men and women can be supported and protected and can be helped to escape from prostitution," says On Prostitution, published by the Church's Board of Social Responsibility. "There is no evidence to support the claim that criminalisation reduces the level of prostitution."

The report notes that Jesus was descended from a prostiture. Rahab, and that one of his followers, Mary Mag-dalen, is thought by some scholars to have been a re-

formed prostitute. While the Church views prostitution as immeral, it is no greater a sin than, for example, adultery," says the report.
"The overused maxim, "Love the sinner, hate the sin, applies not only to those who prostitute, but also to all of us wh**o** sin in other ways. It continues: "The Church's calling is to affirm God's love for those whose self-esteem has been unimaginably diminished, to draw near them in love and, as fellow sinners, to offer the good news of forgiveness and renewal through

In Scotland, unlike England, kerb crawling is not an offence, but prostitutes can be fined for loitering with intent. soliciting or importuning in a public place. They can then be jailed for not paying the fine.

There is a body of informed opinion that fining and imprisonment are ineffective. that the offence should be decriminalised by removing the uption of a fine which may lead to a criminal record and that alternatives to custody options involving rehabilitation should be introduced," says the report.

The Church decided to address the issue in 1997, shortly before the violent murder of a prostitute in Glasgow, one of a number of such killings in recent years. It comes after reports on gambling and alcohol abuse. One on abortion is also published this week.

The Church says that in Edinhurgh an informal "tolerance" zone has been established where women are left relatively undisturbed by police as long as they remain within the specified area and there fewer than ten at a time.

The report, to be debated at the general assembly in Edinburgh next month, says that



The oldest profession: Glasgow police raiding a brothel in 1871. The Kirk report says that women should be helped to escape from prostitution

most women become prostitues through poverty, homeless-ness and sexual abuse, "Prostiturion, alongside petty theft and begging, is a survival trap into which women can be drawn only too easily," it adds.

There are thought to be about 5.000 prostitutes in Scotland, with 50,000 clients between them. In Glasgow there has been a big increase, from fewer than 100 prostitutes 25 years ago to more than 900

today, because of growing heroin addiction.

Church of Scotland counselfors work with those prostitutes who reach one of their seven drug rehabilitation centres. However, the Church no

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longer has its Edinburgh "centenary" project, which ran for four years until 1993 and helped prostitutes to find alternative employment. The social responsibility

board is calling on the Church to consider how a ministry to women in prostitution and to men who use prostitutes could be developed". This would take the form of counselling and advice, depending on any available funding.

Ann Allen, chair of the

board and wife of the Rev Maron Allen. Minister of Chryston Church near Glasgow. said the Church decided to examine the issue after charities such as Barnardo's and The Children's Society spoke out.

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her: "Go, and sin no more."

Reburial

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A WOMAN has won her seven-

month fight to have her hus-band's body exhumed from

his flooded grave because he was terrified of water in life.

Council workmen reburied Alian Munro, 62, last week in

a higher plot in Shawfield

Cemetery in Selkirk in the

Scottish Borders on Thursday. His widow, Ethel Munro, 57.

claimed he suffered from a

fear of water after watching

Flooding at the council-run

cemetery came to light at Mr Munro's funeral last year

when mourners were dis-

tressed to hear water lapping

against the side of his coffin as

it was lowered into the ground. His widow complained when

she returned later and found

the flowers and wreaths float-

Yesterday she said: "It has

been an absolute nightmare and for the last eight months my life has been a living hell.

Losing Allan was painful enough, but to know he was

lving in 6ft of water was more

63, his widow and three grown-up children slood at his

new graveside where a short memorial service was held.

A spokesman for Scottish Borders council admitted there had been a problem with

a fractured drainage pipe at

the cemetery after heavy rain. It had been repaired, but as a

gesture of goodwill the council agreed to pay to move Mr Munro's body.

than I could cope with." Last Thursday, on the day Mr Munro would have been

ing above the grave.

his brother drown in 1958.

about the increase in young people turning to prostitution. One of our major concerns has been how we deal with men who use prostitutes, what their concerns are, why they use prostitutes, how we can helo them," she said, "We want to know how we can bring about different circum-

stances where women never

have to resort to prostitution." The board recommends that projects be set up in Scotland similar to the "John School" at Leeds Metropolitan Universirv; where men arrested for kerb crawling are offered rehabilitation as an alternative to a court appearance. Results indicate that one third of men sent to the school do not reoffend.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Deuteronomy xxiii,18 describes prostitution as "an abomination to

description of a "great harlot", seated on a scarlet beast with seven

repentant prostitutes. Jesus's ancestor Rahab, a prostitute, was "saved by faith" (Hebrews xl, 31). Tamar, posing as a prostitute,

was made pregnant by her father-in-law, Judah, who declared her "more nghteous than !" (Genesis xxxvIII). Prostitutes were among those who repented at the preaching of John the Baptist. Jesus said

that those prostitutes, along with tax collectors, would enter the kingdom of heaven before some of the religious leaders of his day (Matthew xxl, 31-32). St Paul reminds his Corinthian readers that

some of them were once prostitutes (I Corlathians xi). In John

will, Jesus Invites any onlooker without sin to throw the first stone at

the woman caught in adultery. When the crowd dwindles, he says to

Most Bible passages condemn prostrution unequivocally. --

the Lord your God". Proverbs vil compares a man who uses a . prostitute to an ox going to the slaughter, or a bird rushing into a snare. "Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death," says verse 27. Apostates are compared to the children of prostitutes in Isaiah Ivii, 3-5. Revelation xvii contains a graphic

ries *Queer as Folk.* in which homosexual acts are shown.

Ruddock cleared The footballer Neil Ruddock. 30, was cleared by Havering magistrates of using threatening behaviour after charges against him and Richard Nelson, 37, were dropped because of 'discrepancies" in evideoce

Rank cruelty

Lance Corporal Nigel Horsley, 23, who ironed a ham-ster before roasting it in a microwave oven, was re-duced to the ranks and jailed for 140 days by a court-martial panel at Bulford. Wiltshire.

Dustman killed

A council dustman died when be was knocked down by his own dustcart. The unnamed man was believed to have been run over by Rugby Borough Council refuse lorry in Wolvey, War-wickshire.

Thames link

John Prescott will start con-struction today of Central London's first ocw, river crossing this century. The footbridge will link the Tate Gallery of Modern Art with St Paul's Cathedral.

Get 'em young

Parking tickets were put on a Barbie bike and a scooter left by Julia Burgess, four, and her brother Alexander, seven, against the front walf of their family home in Finchingfield, Essex, beside, double yellow lines.

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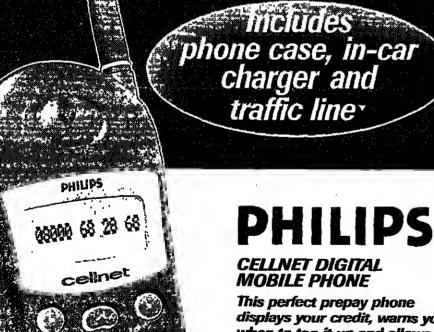
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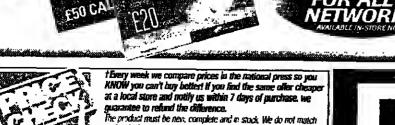
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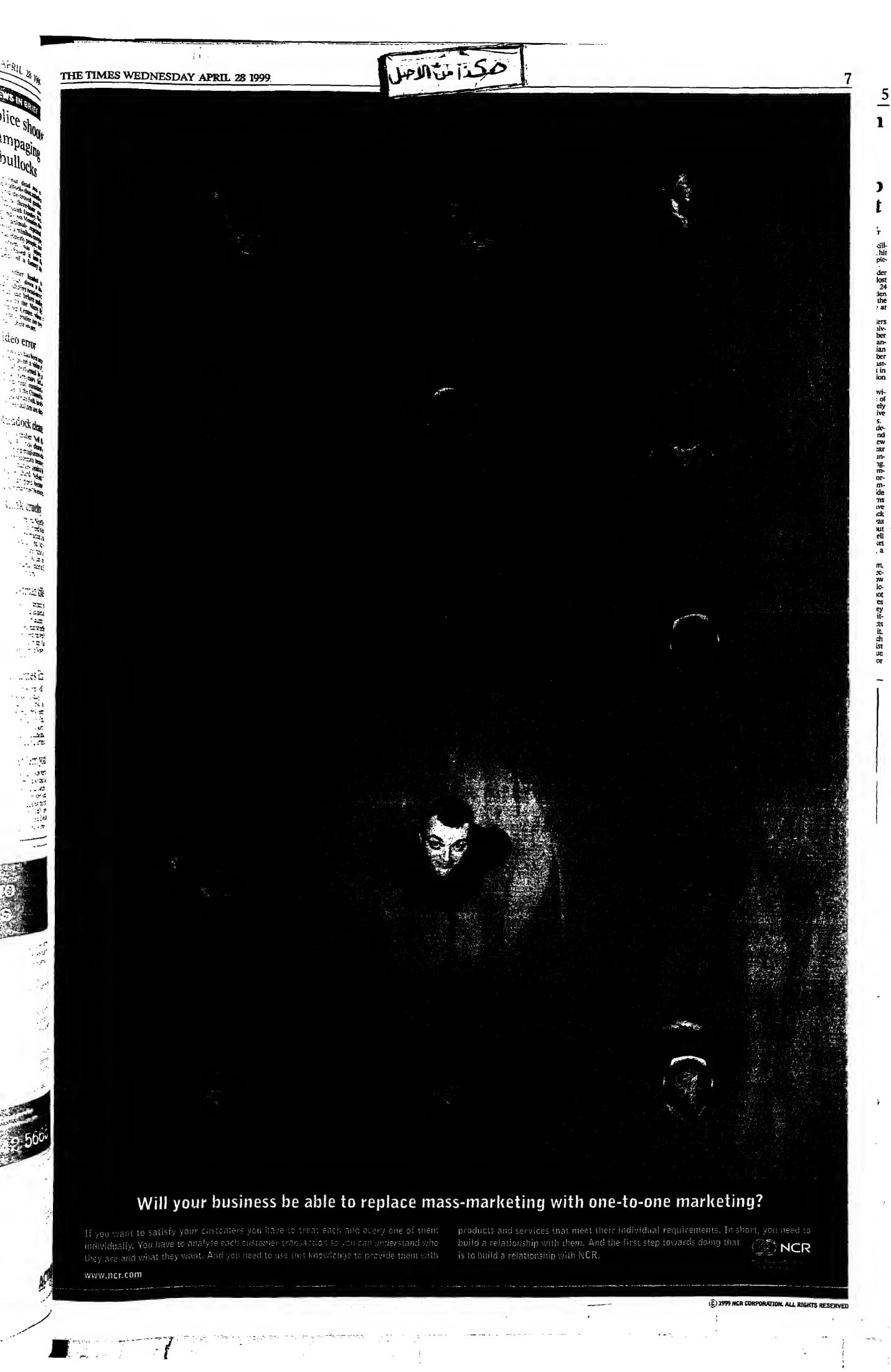
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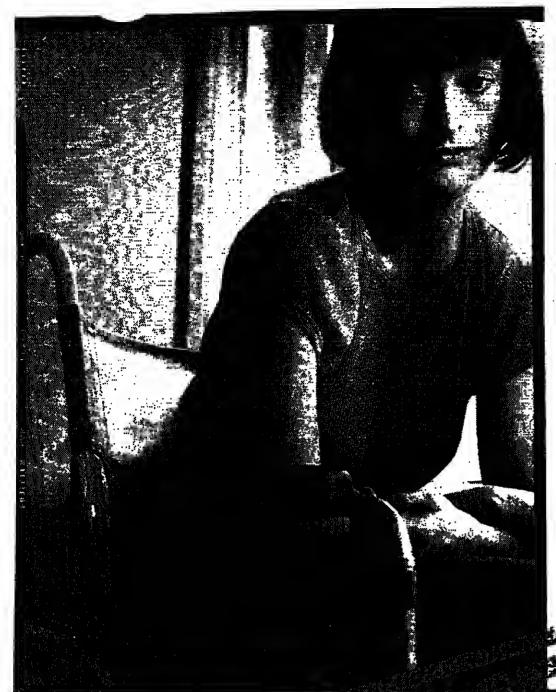
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THE NEW :

By Russell Jenkins

THE middle-class aspiration 10 escape the suburbs for a detached home on an out-oftown "executive" estate is help-ing to destroy the countryside. a new report claims.

Once settled in the country. residents are dependent on the car to travel to work in the city and for the simplest journey to the nearest shopping centre or

leisure park.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England says that the Government, despite its good intentions, is still encouraging developments that fuel congestion. Its report, Sprawl Patrol, concludes that too many greenfield sites that are impossible to get to without a car are being developed.

The result is a general im-poverishment of the countryside. The distinctive character of rural England is also being supplanted by a bland subur-ban landscape.

Lifestyles governed by the shopping centre, business or

leisure park mean people in the country are driving greater distances daily, causing traffic noise and pollution to be just as great a countryside issue as they are in towns and cities.

the council says.
Lilli Matson, its head of transport, said: "Out-of-town development has fuelled a 40 per cent increase in the length of car journeys in just ten years. The countryside has borne the brunt of the impact and traffic on rural roads has increased at three times the rate of urban areas."

She added: These trends

are set to continue unless local and national governments get tough on the causes of sprawl and rising traffic." The report highlights prob-lem developments. In Newcas-

tle, for example, the city council is proposing a green belt site of 2,500 "executive" homes and an 80-hectare business park that will generate more than 23,000 daily round trips

Microchip may signal end of phone towers

A tiny new transmitter could reduce countryside blight, report Paul Wilkinson and Nick Nuttall

ENGINEERS at Leeds University have developed a transmitter the size of a cigarette packet that could make planning dispules over mobile phone masts a thing of the past.

It uses a microchip which, they say, will also mean a big cul in the signal radiation that is fuelling public concern. Michael Roberts, an electronics researcher who developed the chip, said: "All the equipment necessary to receive and transmit a signal could be included in a box the size of a cigarette packet.
It would make the transmit-

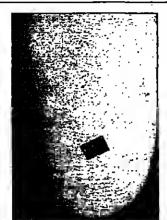
ters we see in the countryside redundant and drastically improve reception in areas where it is difficult to get a signal. That's because the boxes could be attached virtually anywhere, on a lamp post, a bridge, the side of a building."

A new chip the size of a match head, called a microwave miler, allows low-frequency signals — a person's voice — to "piggyback" on much higher electronic frequencies, such as those used for radar, which travel at faster speeds. These travel without being flistorted, allowing a receiver up to a kilometre away to decode the message.

Stavros lezekiel, the project leader, sad current technology sent slower signals that required larger, more powerful ransmitters. "We could have a prototype ready within a year and i could go on sale for as little as £100." he said.

The interface needed for the boxes would be fibre-optic and that letwork almost covers the country at present. The usage we envisage would be mostly urpan but there is no reason why a village could not have a lingle box, which would be sufficient."

He said one problem was



The tiny new microchip has many applications

the need for thousands of boxes to cover the country. "I can't imagine mobile phone companies paying for these boxes to be set a kilometre apart all over the countryside," he admitted. "But I am sure they would be very interested in our research." Dr lezekiel said there were many applications for the chip, which had taken

two years to complete.

A spokesman for Vodafone, which has 4.500 transmitters. said: "We would be very interested in their research, which sounds as though it could revohutionise the industry."

By the end of this year Britain will have 13,000 relay tow-

ers. Henry Oliver, the Council for the Protection of Rural England planning officer, said; "On the face of it, technology which would replace [masts] would be very welcome. For years we have suffered the consequences of a planning sys-tem biased in favour of telecommunications companies.

They should take their corporate responsibilities seriously and this development may mean it is easier for them to

have a less damaging impact We feel these masts should be subject to the same planning controls as anything else. You need planning permission to put up a porch at your house but not to erect an enormous mast in open countryside."
The telecommunications in-

dustry, required to cover 90 per cent of the country by the millennium under the terms of its licence, accepts unofficially that it is favoured by planning regulations. Outside designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, towers up to 50ft high are treated as "permitted development". Inside designated areas, planning consent has to be obtained. Where it has been refused, the Depart-ment of the Environment has a record of allowing at least two out of three appeals.

One of the most vociferous campaigns against the masts was in the Stour Valley, immortalised by John Constable, overlooking the north Essex village of Dedham. fn 1996 three masts up to 70ft were pro-posed on high ground in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which protesters claimed would make the landscape that inspired the Haywain look like a pincushion.

Protesters fought off the tow-ers sought by Mercury, Cell-net and Orange, but 18 months ago John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, overruled the local council and permitted a 90ft shared tower on the edge of the area.

☐ A planning inspector has rejected a proposal for a mast disguised as a tree at a beauty spot because it would keep its leaves in winter. Mercury Personal Communications applied for an 80ft mast at Huish Woods, near Taunton, Somerset, that would tower 20ft above surrounding trees.



WHEN one of Britain's rarest birds broke its leg it could not have chosen a better refuge. The bittern, a species usually found only in East Anglia, made a painful touchdown at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust reserve at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire,
The bird's arrival on March 21

caused a flurry of excitement. Re-serve staff immediately began trying to catch the shy 30-inch member of the heron family, but even with a broken leg it was elusive and could not be netted until a week later. Then began the job of feeding the bittern to

ensure it was fit enough for an opera-

tion oo its broken leg.
On April I, Neil Forbes, a vet from Stroud, Gloncestershire, performed an operation to pin the fracture. Last week the pins were removed and yesterday the bittern was released back into the wild.

Clare Warner, of the trust, said: "We like to think he chose to land here because he knew he would get the best possible care. It is good to

see him looking so well now."
The species has been in decline in this country since the 1950s.

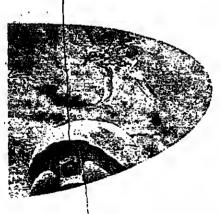
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Judge in dock as joke falls flat An after-dinner quip aimed at political correctness

upset many who heard it, reports Frances Gibb THE Lord Chancellor is investigating reports of an after-dinner speech at which a judge was heckled and jeered after cracking a joke against

policical correctness. Judge Graham Boal, QC. once chief prosecutor at the Old Bailey and now a judge there, was speaking to several nundred judges and barristers t the annual dinner of the triminal Bar Association. He old a joke about of a white hs been severely injured in a accident and wakes up in hispital to be told that various pers of his body have been

side of a homosexual and a large black penis. "Not to worry," the man is told, "this is just the kind of barrister that is much wanted by the authorities who choose QCs and

One barrister who was at the dinner said: "What a fool. But you know what it is like telling after-dinner jokes - he just went too far." The joke, added the barrister, was en-joyed by some, but went down badly among others. "The CBA is a very sensitive organisaoon and we are a broad church, so people will be offended by such remarks."

Yesterday a spokesman for

ment said: "Obviously the Lord Chancellor will want to find out the facts of the situation before he does anything else." Judge Boal, 55, was sitting at the Old Bailey and was not

making any comment. He was a leading criminal silk who took all the top cases at the Old Bailey before he was made a circuit judge in the Criminal Bar Association in 1991-93.

He was counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions in 1991 when the DPP an-nounced that the Crown would not longer seek to uphold the convictions of the Birmingham Six. In March



damaging profession

last year, when jailing six teenagers who killed a youth after tracking him down and setting upon him like wild animals, he said: "This was lynch law of a kind that will not be tolerated on the streets of our

cities." He lists his interests as young practitioners, then retheatre, golf and cricket. Lincoln Crawford, who chairs the Bar's race relations committee, said that the matter would be raised at the com-mittee's next meeting and, he hoped, taken up with the Lord "It is absolutely dreadful. If

this report is correct, it causes me deep concern. The Lord Chancellor has invested a huge amount of money in racial awareness and gender training for all judges — so for someone so senior to make these comments is very damaging."

Laura Cox, QC, who chairs the Bar's sex discrimination

the Bar's sex discrimination committee, said: "If this is true then it is very, very regretta-ble. If a judge makes that kind of joke on this sort of occasion before a mixed-gender, mixedrace audience with lots of

ary and to silk who are from the ethnic minorities, or are women or gays, are going to feel very undermined."
Stephen Solley, QC, who

chairs the Bar's human rights committee, said that such comments deterred many young ethnic-minority barristers from attending establishment gatherings of the profession. and damaged the image of the judiciary. "It is hugely disappointing that, in this day and age, there are senior judges who still think along these lines, I would have thought they had been put out to grass

decades ago."

He added that there were many liberal judges who did not think that way, but such remarks were damaging to the group as a whole.

# Value of caring brought home by globetrotter

A FORMER Harlem Globetreters player, who bought to baskethall team after hauging up his training hoes, joined the Prince o'Wales yesterday to encourage businesses to do more to help deprived

Manii Jackson said that nurturng and supporting community organisations was areflective way to create parkets for goods and sevices and to improve

many's public image. At the 12th annual Community Enterprise Award, run by the Prince's charit Business in the Community, Mr Jackson presered him with Globcotters vests for Prince William and Harry. PrincCharles said his sons wouldkave to he "genetically modifid" to make them tall

enoug to fit the vests. Mr ackson, 59, who was born ito poverty in a railwa boxcar in Missouri. rose telecome director of four empanies and was the first blck American to own a maje international sports and electainment organiation. He said that the ide of running a busines without strong

community involvement was unthînkable"

"My experience as someone who was born in a boxcar was that if I had not seen another way of life and if someooe had not taken the time to belp me out, I would still be rattling around in the boxear," he said.

The awards, sponsored by The Times and NatWest, ' entrepreneurs who have created organisations to improve the social and economic circumstances of

local people. The Charles Douglas-Home Award for a large project was won by Antur Wannfawr, a charity in Bryn Pistyll, Gwynedd, which helps people with learning disabilities to find jobs. The award for a small

scheme went to Recycling in Ottery, in Ottery St Mary. Devon. The re-use and recycling centre is financed mainly through sales of aluminium and steel cans. paper, textiles, glass, furniture and tools. The winners received

£1,000 and will travel to the

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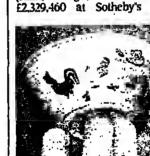


The Prince said his sons would have to be genetically modified to fit the vests given by Mannie Jackson, left

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A CHINESE porcelain chick-en cup, a rare example of imperial porcelain only 8.2cms (3.2in) high, sold for £2,329,460 at Sotheby's in



Hong Kong yesterday, setting a new world record for Chinese porcelain John Shaw writes). The cup, from the Chenghua period of the Ming Dynasty (1464-1478), was bought by a London dealer.

The Chenghua period lasted just over ten years and marked pieces are rare. They are known as chicken cups be-cause they are decorated with cockerels, hens and chickens.

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By VALERIE ELLIOTT

THE parents of an eightyear-old boy yesterday described how their soo died when he was huried in their grain store after trying to reach in for his Wellington

Ivor Chambers, 41, and his wife, Kim, 33,of Heath Farm in Bagworth, Leices-tershire, told how Mrs Chambers had foond her son Benjamin stuck in the grain but had heen unable to save him.

They spoke movingly of the incident iovolving their son's death in September 1996 in an effort to prevent further similar tragedies. Spearheading a drive by the Health and Safety Execu-tive, they urged farming fam-ilies and visitors to be aware of countryside hazards from tractors to ponds to fertilis-

Mrs Chambers said she had been cooking supper while Benjamin and his twin brother. Christopher.

went out to play. Christo-pher came running in and said Benjamio was stuck io the grain. When I reached him he was held fast thigh deep in the wheat."

She said that when she

found Benjamin in the grain store, she did not know how to stop the machine. "I tried to pull him clear but could not get enough leverage against the slipperiness of the grain. When he slipped ooderneath I ran to the machine and banged every buttoo I could see, which stopped it. Even with the machine off. the grain continued to run aod, although I dug with my hands, I could not reach my

David Mattey, the execu-tive's chief agricultural inspector, called oo the farming industry to do more to cases, members of a child's own family could have pre-vented the death," he said.



Benjamin Chambers, left, and his twin, Christopher. He was trapped in a grain store

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# Unilever bows to concern and bans GM food

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S biggest food manufacturer announced vesterday that it would remove genetically modified ingredients from its products in response to consumer concern.

Unilever, which owns the Birds Eye-Walls and Van den Bergh companies, said that it could not ignore the sea-change in public opinion over the past three months. Among the firm's 25 products that contain GM soya are Beanfeast, the biggest-selling branded meat substitute. Birds Eye

beefburgers and Vesta curries. Tesco. Britain's largest food retailer, also announced yesterday that it was clearing GM ingredients from own-brand products. A spokesman said: "We think we should be largely GM-free by the end of the year in terms of the 200 products that are own-label." Iceland, Asda, Sainsbury and Waitrose

had already decided to drop GM: products. Safeway and Somerfield are the last major chains to hold out against the campaign by environmental and consumer groups, chefs and restaurateurs against GM soya, maize and other crops.

Unilever's decision delighted environmental groups. The company said Beanfeast would be GM-free in two months. Other products would switch to non-GM soya or be reformulated over the coming months.

Duncan Bogie, a spokesman for Van den Bergh, said: Since the beginning of the year we have seen a significant shift in consumer perception." He said there had been a drop in sales and a sharp rise in calls to consumer helplines. which he described as a "sensitive barometer". Labelling of GM foods had heightened con-sumer awareness, he added.

Lord Melchett, a director Greenpeace, said: "Unilevers the largest food manufactum in the world. This sends a clear message to Tony Blir that he should listen to be power of consumers and an GM crops." Greenpeace let the heads of Unilever UKon Monday and has had uks with Teson. The presure group said it hoped that Inilever's overseas operations would follow suit.

Jack Cunningham, the abinet Office Minister, vesteday mounted a strong econoric de-fence of the GM industy. He told the Environmenta Audit Select Committee that lotechnology could be worth up to £10 billion" to Britain net year.

Pete Riley, of Friend of the Earth, said the biotednology industry was mainly hedically related, which envionmental groups did not opose.

### England supplies Tory cash



Scottish Conservatives have had to look to England to ankroll their election campaign for Holyrood, for lack of donatins from north of the border. The cash-strapped Scottish party rides itself in policies "Made in Scotland". But its finances are bing sustained by ntillionaires based in England, who have eachdonated E50,000 in the past week, it emerged yesterday. The latst declaration of donations under an agreement between Sotland's main parties shows that English donations dwarf wha is coming in from Scottish supporters so far.

### Labour 'made coalition ceal

Labour and the Liberal Democrats made a secret deal of form a Scottish parliament coalition three years ago, the journast Donald Macintyre has alleged. In his biography of Peter Madelson, the former Trade and Industry Secretary, Macintyre aid that Tony Blair, Donald Dewar, Mr Mandelson, Lord Irvinof Lairg and senior Liberal Democrats including Paddy Ashdowragreed to "work towards a coalition . . . in the event of Labour etting no overall majority or an unworkably small one".

### Bishops soften SNP stance

Scotland's Roman Catholic bishops toned down a prelection statement because of its strong bias towards the Scottisl National Party, it was claimed. The revised pastoral letter voice "hopes for a new Scotland" on the abolition of nuclear weapon and local control of a Scottish media that reflected "common ecency". The bishops also called for free university education.

### today's AGENDA

land day, Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, this morning, followed by breakfast of Scottish produce. Labour will focus on education. Alex Salmond, SNP leader, will go to the Borders to talk about jobs. Conservatives will attack Labour's tax agenda for roads and fuel

### QUOTE of the day

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- Alex Salmond of alleged Labour/Liberal Democrat meeting on how o handle Scottish election empaign.



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# Clinton calls for gun controls

President wants parents brought to book for their children's crimes, reports Ian Brodie in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinion yesier-day proposed bringing crini-inal charges against the parents of children who commit gun crimes. The idea was among several gun control measures that he sent to Congress, where their chances of becoming law appeared bleak

Both Democranc and Republican leaders questioned the need for more and-gun legislation, despite growing sentiment for reforms across America after last week's school massacre in Denver. Mr Clinton's

would make it a felony for par-ents to "knowingly or reckless-ly allow a child unlawful ac-cess to a gun that is later used to cause death or injury". After the Denver shootings,

Sheriff John Stone said that a sawn-off shotgun barrel and equipment for bomb-making were found in plain sight in the bedroom of Eric Harris, 18, who went on the rampage at Columbine High School with Dylan Klebold, 17. The pair killed 13 people before shooting themselves.

"Parents should be held accountable for their kids' ac-tions," Mr Stone said. His view is widely held, but authorities concede that there is no evidence that the parents were in any way involved in the crime. Lawyers said that Mr Clinton's proposal could set a legal standard of parental liability that would be difficult to

Mr Clinton also wants to re-

quire background checks on all buyers of explosives, includ-ing dynamite, blasting caps and the black powder used in pipe bombs such as those

made by Harris and Klebold. Inexplicably, present laws prohibit the sale of explosive ingredients to felons, fugitives and stalkers, but do not require any checks that would show whether a buyer was disqualified on such grounds.

Another loophole that Mr Clinton seeks to close is the burgeoning sale of guns by un-licensed dealers at gun shows where no background checks are required. Police in Colorado suspect that at least one of the weapons used last week was sold at a gun show to an 18-year-old girl who turned it over to the gunmen.

A government study of more than 300 gun shows found that nearly half the transac-tions involved criminals and a third of weapons sold were later used in serious crimes. Among Mr Clinton's other

Mandatory child-safe locks on all guns sold: A lifetime ban on all gun ownership for people who com-mit violent crimes as juveniles; A ban on importing ammunition clips holding more than

ten rounds.

The President's list seems eminently sensible, if tepid by British standards, but he has learnt to be cautious about gun control. After he forced a ban on assault weapons



How Kal, the Baltimore Sun's cartoonist, views the prevailing attitude to tighter gun control in America

through Congress in 1994, his fellow Democrats promptly lost control of the House. The National Rifle Association had responded to those who voted for the ban with a barrage of negative advertising in their constituencies. In Mr Clinton's view, the campaign cost 20 Democrats their seats. Although stemming the

availability of guns would seem an obvious place to start. Tom Daschle, the leader of the Senate Democrats, vesterday cited the Internet, the media and lack of attention being paid to students as other issues that should be studied to solve "an increasingly serious societal problem". He added: "I'm not sure gun legislation is what we need." Similarly, Trent Lott, leader of the Senate's Republican majority, and Dennis Hastert, Republican Speaker of the House, called for a "national conversation" on youth and culture to focus on responses other than gun control. Not everyone agreed. Ardent

reformers on Capitol Hill ar-

gued that a growing number of voters want Washington to follow the lead of those cities and states where curbs on guns, and lawsuits holding gun manufacturers responsi-ble for mayhem on the streets, are slowly but steadily gaining

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### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

### Britain will police East Timor poll

British police are to help to maiotain order when East Timor votes on its future in a UN-managed ballot this summer (David Watts writes). The first groups of police are expected in the territory next mooth. Derek Fatchett. the Foreign Office Minister, said: "We have to do all we can to see that there's a free and open consultation of the people." President Habibie of Indonesia anononced yesterday that he accepted the UN plan for a vote on August 8 by 800,000 East Timorese on whether to accept an Indooesian autonomy package. If they were to reject it, he said, East Timor would become independent.

### Mandela in stampede

Johannesborg: Presideot Mandela watched in alarm as thousands of people stampeded towards him, flattening a 12ft-high barbed wire harricade, at a rally to celebrate Freedom Day, a public holiday marking South Africa's first all-race election five years ago (Ray Kennedy writes). More than 20 people were injured, several of them seriously, in the crush at a football stadiom at Umtata in Eastern Cape provioce.

### Japan angers China

Tokyo: Japan edged towards expanding its military role in East Asia with the passage of controversial Bills that strengthen its security alliance with the United States (Robert Whymant writes). The legislation, allowing Japanese military forces to provide support to US forces in case of "emergency situations io areas surrounding Japan" the "areas" left vague deliberately — was denounced by China, which fears an attempt to isolate and contain it.

### Sumo wrestles with fat

Tokyo: Sumo wrestlers will be required to take a test measuring their body fat and told to diet if they are overweight. Ayako Suzuki, of the Japan Sumo Association. said the first test would be administered to wrestlers at the end of the summer toornament oext month. The announcement comes amid a rash of weight-related injuries and complaints from fans that the sport has become more about fat and less about fight. (AP)

### **Basinger** drawn into animal row

New York: Kim Basinger's outspoken support for animal welfare is being called into question by the use of circus elephants and a drugged dog in her latest film (James Bone The actress, Hollywood's

leading animal rights campaigner, has just finished shooting I Dreamed of Africa in which she plays the Italian conservationist Kuki Gallman. Producers say the film is a tribute to a woman who has: devoted her life to protecting Africa's wildlife. But during the shoot in South Africa, Basinger, who has fought to ban elephants from circuses in America, was said to be ants and lions from the local "I did think it was strange

that an animal rights activist. who feels so strongly about the use of trained animals. would agree to do this movie in the first place," Jim Stock-



Basinger: animal welfare campaigner

ley, the circus's animal trainer, told New York magazine. also thought it strange that she never even approached me to inquire about the treatment of our animals."

fn one scene, Basinger appears with a dead dog. Apparently the dog had been anaesthetised by a veterinary surbreach of guidelines drafted by the American Humane Association for the Screen Actors

Basinger's spokeswoman rejects allegations that any aniset as "sour grapes".

## Disney in claims of

wood's most feared negotiators has launched a personal attack on the head of the Walt Disney Company, accusing him of underhand plotting to avoid paying a huge bonus (Giles Whittell writes).

tired judge arbitrate their dispute in a law firm's conference room. Jeffrey Katzenberg, now a mogul in his own right at the Dreamworks studio, claims that his unpaid bonus from

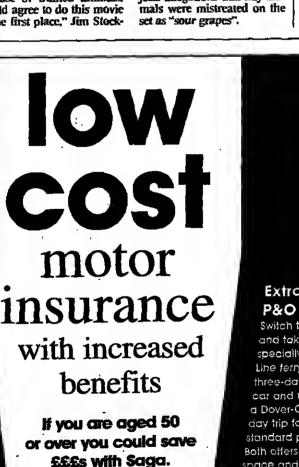
700 films made during his tenure, including the \$800 mil-lion hit, The Lion King.

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# bonus plot

Los Angeles: One of Holly-The men agreed to have a re-

ten years as head of produc-tion at the studio is \$250 mil-lion (£153 million). Mr Katzenberg's lawyer accused the Disney chairman, Michael Eisner, of authorising a secret 'Project Snowball' to deny him his due. Mr Katzenberg's contract promised him 2 per cent of revenues from



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# Serb military hit by fuel rationing

ALL Yugoslav units in Kosovo have introduced emergency measures to preserve their remaining fuel stocks, after the Nato decision to enforce an oil embargo and to stop supplies reaching the Montenegrin port of Bar.

With an agreed European Union oil embargo also affecting Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria — thus cutting off all legal supplies by land — the Yugoslav military has had to take immediate steps to cut back on the use of fuel throughout Kosovo, underlining the importance Bar was playing in Belgrade's calculations. Ten tankers a day have been unloading oil there.

According to Nato intelli-gence, combined civilian and military oil consumption in the whole of Yugoslavia is now restricted to 32,000 barrels per day. The normal requirement is estimated at 60,000 barrels

per day.

Although the Yugoslav Army is not engaged in operations in Kosovo that require much use of fuel - most of its tanks are being used as static artillery — the imminent clampdown on fuel shipments to Bar is expected to impose serious problems for Belgrade's tactics in Kosovo.

Western monitoring of the oil export market has not produced any evidence of frantic

Belgrade is cutting consumption in readiness for a blockade, writes

Michael Evans, Defence Editor



this is a possibility, which

could lead to new tensions be-

tween Serbia and Montene-

gro. The other potential for civil war would be if Serb forc-

es tried to seize Montenegro's

The problem for Belgrade is

that even if oil supplies get through Nato's proposed "visit

and search" monitoring, fuel

tankers driving along the road from Bar to Serbia will pro-

oil stocks.

fined oil and petrol. But a close watch is being kept so that the Nato warships in the Adriatic taking part in the oil embargo can be tipped off about tankers

heading to Bar. Counter-measures by the Serbs are limited. Although there are other ports in Montenegro. Bar is the only one with the capacity to deal with large oil shipments.

Beigrade has not yet ordered its forces to seize control there is no sign of surface-toair missile batteries being moved in to defend the road.

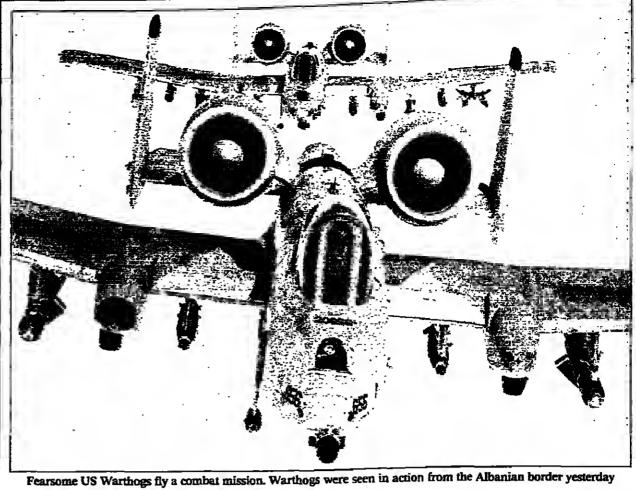
The Serbs have shore-based Russian Styx missiles along the Montenegrin coast, but they will not be in a position to threaten Nato warships. The blockade will be enforced well out to sea and not around the port of Bar. The Yugoslav Navy also has four submarines, but only one could be described as operational.

Nato is aware that the eastern route of the Danube could still be used for barges taking smuggled oil supplies to Serbia, but shipments by this method would never make up for the loss of Bar as an entry point for fuel. The pipeline running from

Croatia through Hungary to the two Yugoslav oil refineries at Pancevo and Novi Sad has also been shut off. As the refin-eries have been destroyed by airstrikes, Belgrade's requirement now is for refined oil and petrol products.

Although it is unlikely that the US Congress will be asked to pass legislation barning oil exports to Yugoslavia, American petrochemical companies are unlikely to sell oil once the military action begins.

Simon Jenkins, page 20



### Harriers dodge heavy-calibre flak on raid

RAF Harrier jump jets came under heavy-calibre auti-aircraft fire for the first time yesterday, but carried out a cluster bomb attack on a military stor-

age area in Kosovo, the RAF said. The pilots from No 1 Fighter Squadron based in southern Italy dodged through the flak bursting as close as

By John Phillips in Giola del colle
AND Our Foreign Staff

200 yards away during the raid near
Pristina oo a virtually cloudless day, an RAF spokesman, Group Captain Glenn Edge, said. He estimated that the shells fired at the Harriers were of 20mm to 40mm calibre. "It was the kosher gear. It wasn't one man lying on his back firing his Kalashnikov."
At least two US A10 "Warthog" tank-

killer jets circled the skies over Kosovo yesterday in action against Serb forces.

in sight of the Albanian border, and several explosions were heard from the Morini border post, 12 miles northeast of the northern Albanian town of

Yesterday the vannted fleet of 24 Apache attack belicopters was reduced without Serb forces firing a shot when ooe crashed in a mountain area northeast of Tirana airport. The two pilots were said to be "in good condition".

### vide easy pickings for Nato bombers. The route has 37 tunof the Bar port facilities, al-Leading article, page 21 nels and numerous hairpin orders from Belgrade for rethough Nato recognises that NetServe pentium• gogogogogogogogostop Motoring along in your business, you drive up to the HP NetServer E 60 slowdown Auto Alert monitors the hard drive, using traffic lights (those fast talkers) to signal its status. amber? red? A quick look informs you what to do to keep things running smooth. Green light. Nothing to worry about. Continue through the intersection of Friendly and Easy. Your peace of mind secure, give the traffic cop a nod hello. www.hp.com/pc-uk

### Kosovo boy took British doctors to mass grave

FROM STEPHEN FARRELL IN STENKOVEC

A BRITISH doctor was shown a mass grave in Kosovo by a child who lost all 22 members of his family in a massacre by Serbs last year. Dr Mark Twite, 30, who is working at a refugee camp in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, said yesterday that he and Dr Ann Jones, now working in Albania, had been shown the burial site last September.

The account will ultimately be passed to war crimes investigators, but the doctors have so far refused to identify the town or the five-year-old because he is believed to be still in Kosovo and therefore at risk.

Dr Twite, a paediatric registrar from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, is experienced in working with street children abroad. Last year he helped to run two mobile clinics in Kosovo treating children for shrapnel, bullet and mine injuries and general childhood infections: he was evacuated back to Britain

when Nato airstrikes began. Unable just to watch the refugee tragedy unfold on television, he volunteered to work in the camps and is now programme manager with the International Medical Corps, in charge of primary health care for 17,000 Kosovans at the He had first learnt of the

massacre through Dr Jones's work as a child psychiatrist for Child Advocacy International. When the boy was asked where his family were killed, be led them to the graves, which had been dug by friends. Dr Twite said: "His entire family was massacred shot. He is the sole survivor: he ran away. W still in Kosovo.

"A lot of war crimes have been documented. I can tell you about endless children who have lost family members and children who have witnessed massacres and horrible things happening. I have

no reason to doubt them, not when they can take you to'see the graves of their family." Now safely out of Kosovo

where, he says, a common Serb tactic was to poison wells by throwing dead animals into them, Dr Twite faces medical challenges with the threat of cholera and disease in the overcrowded Macedonian camps. Unicef has begun a programme to vaccinate 8,900 children under the age of five in the camps against infectious diseases such as polio and measles.

Lack of space to expand the refugee camps means sanitation could become a serious problem. "Cholera is not so far away and it would decimat the camps, especially with

summer coming."
The United Nations refugee agency was trying last night to find room for 3,500 Kosovans who arrived at the border when there is little space in the

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### **Tempers** flare in teeming camps

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN TIRANA

AS MORE of the 350,000 Kosovo refugees in Albania are moved away from the border for fear of Serb shelling, discipline is beginning to break down in some of the over-crowded inland refugee camps, with reports of fights

between desperate refugees and local Albanians accused of stealing aid supplies.

The Albanian Government said the aid agencies, especially the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, were "mishandling" the crisis.
"If we had relied on UNHCR alone, there would have been famine and chaos in Albania by now," Pandeli Majko, the Prime Minister, said. He said "disaster" had been averted only because Western governments had sent troops to help in protecting relief supplies. But Ariane Quentier, of UNHCR here, said that it

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could "not work miracles ... We are working with the Albanian authorities as best we can. But we only provide tents, food and medicines. We cannot act as a police force."

Refugees in Tirana said that there was "never much love lost" between Kosovo Albanians and the people of Albania proper. "Kosovo Albanians are better educated." one said. The Albanians have given us refuge, but many resent our

But others blamed the "boredom factor". Tahir Povataj. 60. said: "We have football matches, but it's not enough to absorb the energies of coopedup young men.



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### Media tower hit again

Nato bombers yesterday attacked television transmitters in Belgrade for the second time (Michael Evans, Defence Editor, writes). Witnesses in Belgrade said that. after a Nato bomber flew over the city, an explosion destroyed the television and radio antennae on top of the 23-storey building. Nato said its intelligence revealed that the statioo was doobling as a message system for Serb forces in Kosovo after the damage to Belgrade's military command-and-control network following weeks of Nato bombing.

### **US** sends in 'citizens'

Washington: America ordered its "citizen soldiers" into the Kosovo conflict for the first time, with the mobilisation of up to 33,000 military reservists (Ben Macintyre writes). The initial call-up will summon at least 2,000 reserve Air Force personnel to fly and maintain 30 extra refuelling aircraft. deployed this week. They are expected to leave for Europe next week.

### **British land** in Greece

Salonika: British forces unloaded military vehicles — and bundreds of British troops arrived by air — in this port city in northern Greece to reinforce Nato troops stationed in Macedonia. The military vehicles. includiog reconnaissance vehicles, arrived on board the Sea Centurion. which was also carrying 30 containers of military equipment. (AP)

### Hungary to take tankers

Budapest: Janos Szabo. the Hoogarian Defeoce Minister, said that Nato would base 20 airborne tankers in his country to refuel warplanes in the air. "Now Yogoslavia is surrounded 360 degrees and cannot know from what direction an attack will come," he told a news conference. He said there had been no official request for warplanes to be stationed. (Reuters)

# Russia wooed with role 'Danger man' for international force

By Michael Evans, DEFENCE EDITOR. AND TOM WALKER

BRITAIN has signalled that it will approve a United Nacons Security Council resolution for an international force for Kosovo which makes no reference to Nato. The concession, which is likely to be supported by other alliance governments, is part of a new drive to find a form of words that will be acceptable to Russia.

Moscow is being relied upon to put pressure on Belgrade to back down and meet Nato's five demands, which include the presence of a military force to oversee the return home of Albanian refugees.

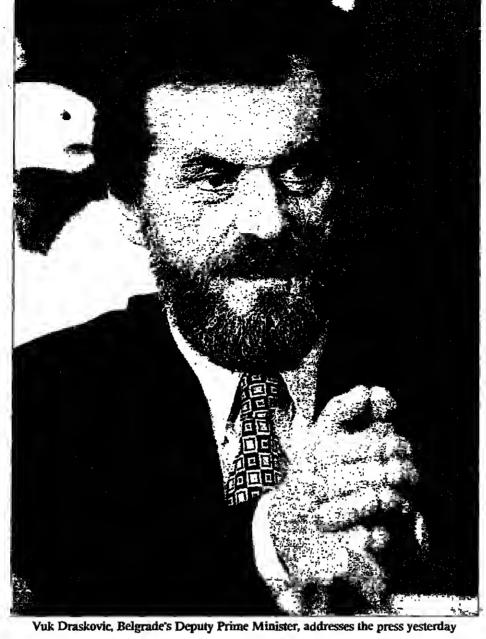
Foreign Office sources said yesterday that Britain now accepted that any future Security Council resolution covering a peace force for Kosovo could not emphasise the role to be played by Nato if Russia was to give its official backing. That concession, however.

did not change the view, approved by all alliance governments, that the force for Kosovo should still be led by Nato and that Nato troops should form its core.

The British move has underlined the diplomatic efforts now under way to bring the Russians into the forefront. Although the airstrikes will continue, Moscow will be encouraged to play a bigger role in dealing with Belgrade on the diplomade side. After the Dayton Peace Accords were signed in Decem-

ber 1995, bringing the Bosnian war to an end, the Security Council approved a resolution which also made no direct reference to Nato, and Russia agreed to contribute troops to the peace implementation force (Ifor), Russian soldiers were deployed to the north of Bosnia in the American-commanded section, and it was agreed that they would come under American, rather than Nato, control.

However, the Dayton Accords had a military annexe which specifically named Nato, although the Security Council resolution 1031 re-ferred to 'the organisation' in



the annexe without naming it. Whether such word games will meet the approval of the Russians this time is unclear. Moscow will be in no doubt that Nato is determined to lead the force into Kosovo. So, too, will President Milosevic. William Cohen, the US De-

yesterday when he said: "It must be an armed, international peacekeeping force, and we believe it must be led by Nato."

Yesterday Strobe Talbott, the US Deputy Secretary of State, who was in Moscow to discuss the issue of a multifence Secretary, spelt that out national force for Kosovo with

senior Russian officials, held intensive talks without any apparent breakthrough. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the former Russian Prime Minis-

ter who is heading Russia's peace efforts, repeated Mos-w be ready, to accept a Security cow's position that the air Council resolution. They will strikes had to stop to clear the decide the composition of the way for talks with Belgrade.

no intendon of stopping the bombing, General Wesley Clark, the Supreme Allied Commander, gave a warning yesterday that the air raids car-ried out so far, since March 24, were "only a fraction" of what was to come over the next few weeks.

Mr Talbon said that the talks in Moscow went well.

but gave no details. Apart from Mr Chernomyrdin, he also met tgor Ivanov, the Foreign Minister, and spoke on the telephone to Yevgeni Primakov, the Prime Minister. Although the main focus is

now on the Russians to bring pressure to bear on Belgrade. the Foreign Office sources said that if Koh Annan, the UN Secretary-General, decided to become more involved personally, the Government would not stand in his way. "We feel this is a judgment that Mr Annan has to make, but we would certainly not object if he decided to go to Belgrade." one source said.

Mr Annan is due to visit Russia on Thursday and will meet Mr Chernomyrdin and other Russian officials. Vuk Draskovic, Yugosla-

via's Deputy Prime Minister. repeated yesterday his belief that a UN peace force was the way ahead for Kosovo.

His pro-Western leanings were met with a tirade of abuse from the Serbian Radical Party, which dubbed the former dissident novelist a traitor. -

Mr. Draskovic admitted that he had not talked to Mr Milosevic about the UN force, but he claimed that the Yugoslav leader had discussed the idea with Mr Chernomyrdin last week, although the state media had not carried the news. Mr Draskovic repeated that

he personally did not wish to see Nato troops in a UN force for Kosovo, but he said that Yugoslavia should abide by the decisions of the UN Security Council.

He said: "I think President

Milosevic is ready, and must

# declares war on Schröder

most dangerous man in Europe, Oskar Lafontaine is staging a comeback and is about to challenge the German Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, over his support for Nato airstrikes in Kosovo. Herr Lafontaine, who suddenly and mysteriously resigned from his posts as Finance Minister and Social Democratic Party chairman six weeks ago, has promised to address the Kosovo issue in a May Day speech to trade unionists.

This week he made plain that his sympathies were with those Social Democrats who are unhappy about the Nato campaign. "I blame myself for not raising earlier the whole topic of alterna-tives to the war in Kosovo. That was a mistake, I was behaving out of a false sense of loyalty." German concern at the

Nato bombing is growing by the week bul has yet to find a political voice. Herr Lafontaine, regarded as a loose cannon by the Schrö der team, could ride back to political prominence on the back of popular discontent about the war. An opinion poll by the Emnid Institute yesterday showed that only 41 per cent of Germans favour continuing airstrikes, with 34 per cent against. At the beginning of the war, public support was well over 50 per cent. Only 17 per cent of Germans are now in fav-

troops to Kosovo. There is even unease about mounting a sea blockade since this is regarded as risking a direct confrontation with Russia. Josehka Fischer, the Foreign Minister, says that a sea blockade would require parliamentary approval in Germany,

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The brittle state of public opinion is reflected in the two ruling parties, the Social Democrats and the Greens. Some political analysts see May 13 — the day when the Greens hold a party conference on the war - as the

Lafontaine is exploiting anger over Nato, writes **Roger Boyes** 

probable breaking point for the Government. Members of the Green Party are furious with the role of Herr Fischer—their de facto lead-er—in backing a war against President Milosevic. Diplomats expect a Serbian peace initiative just before the congress as a tactical ploy to bring down the German Government. But the protesters have seen their influence dwindle in the Green Party and the most likely outcome of the May 13 congress is that Herr Fischer will be mandated to try harder to find a diplomat-

ic solution in the Balkans. Opponents of the war may find a champion in Herr Lafontaine. He is using his native Saarland as a political base. At the weekend he appeared on the podium of the Saarland Social Democrat Party and was given thunderous applause.

he May Day speech is only the first part of the planned comeback, Herr Lafontaine has accepted invitations to make other speeches, including at a Franco-German meeting on May 14, the day after the Green congress. Herr Schröder's dream of

an Oskar-free republic is crumbling quickly. No matter that the most dangerous man in Europe now lives in Belgrade rather than Saarbrücken; the Chancellor's advisers are trying to unearth an official post to neutralise the restless politician. The only suitable position would -be as Ambassador to Israel but friends say Herr Lafontaine will not be lured into

# Serbs use toxic gas, say mercenaries

MERCENARIES recruited in Britain to train the Kosovo Liberation Army say that the Serbs are using chemical weapons in Kosovo.

Two Briosh recruits, filmed in Albania after weeks spent instructing Albanian volunteers arriving to fight in Kosovo, said they saw Serb shells landing about 150 yards away and KLA fighters immediately falling to the ground. They told the BBC Newsnight pro-

gramme that they were convinced that the six men had been overcome by poison gas. The Serbs had apparently resorted to chemical weapons after heavy losses, esomated at more than 200 soldiers in the past two weeks of fighting. Britain said yesterday that it

had long been aware that Serb forces were using riot control agents — probably CS gas. It was also known that the former Yugoslavia had been engaged in chemical weapons research, and that Serbia had inherited small stocks of such substantances. These could include mustard gas or nerve agents. The status of these weapons today was unknown. but the Ministry of Defence

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said its assessment of the dan-

ger was low. But a spokesman said it had received reports that the Serbs might be using blistering agents. A refugee in Albania was being treated for blisters on the hands and feet. "We are taking this very seriously and working hard to establish the facts," the spokesman said.

Sir Charles General Guthrie, Chief of the Defence staff, said yesterday that it was too soon to say whether there was evidence suggesting that the Serbs were using chemical weapons. Their use is outlawed under the Geneva Convencion and the recently signed international treaties banning the use of chemical and biological weapons.

Londoner and a Scot who refused to give their names or be filmed in full light, also revealed that foreign volunteers and mercenaries were arriv ing from Europe and America at the rate of 200 a day to fight for the KLA. But they gave a warning that those recruited in Britain, as they were, could fail foul of a feud between two factions of the KLA battling each other for control of the guerrilla army.

The Kosovo Information Centre, which was named by Newsnight as the recruitment centre in London for mercenaries, denied yesterday that it had sent anyone to fight in Kosovo. Isa Zymberi, its director for the past nine years, said that he referred all those offering to fight to the KLA's representative in Britain. 'We have had a lot of mercenary offers," he said. "But in principle we never wanted them."

The two British mercenaries told Newsnight that they had been unable to do their job properly as volunteers were being sent to fight the Serbs after only three days training, with rusty weapons and almost no

### **Britons boost Nato** press operation By Roland Watson, political correspondent

BRITISH government influence over Nato's communication strategy strengthened yesterday with the secondment of

more civil servants to the alliance's Brussels headquarters. Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's official spokesman, is spending the best part of the week there. with Hilary Coffman, a Down-

ing Street press officer. Two Scottish Office officials have also been moved to Brussels indefinitely. They join Julian Braithwaite. Downing Street's foreign affairs press officer, who is now based fullome at Nato.

This week Mr Campbell will spend his longest stint yet at Nato. Normally he is wedded to Mr Blair's side, so the decision is a measure of the concern at Nato's failure to get its message across effec-tively and at its comparatively poorly staffed press operation, headed by Jamie Shea. Mr Campbell was called in earlier this month by Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary General, to help to co-ordinate that operation. His arrival coincided with Nato's decision to explain fully the bombing of a civilian convoy.

Yesterday Downing Street played down any suggestion of a British Government take over. "Jamie Shea is still in charge," a spokesman said. 'Alastair is the Prime Minister's chief press spokesman and, as you would expect in a conflict of this sort, he is getting lovolved in the co-ordination of communications."



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# £830m library where you can't find a book

FRENCH academics were in despair yesterday as the country's showcase National Library plumbed new depths of absurdity and incompetence.

Writing in Le Figaro, three eminent professors denounced the building that was Presi-dent Mitterrand's most extravagant brainchild as a "sinister farce" that had undermined the edifice of French research.

Their attack came as the French parliament set up an inquiry into an Fr8 billion (£830 million) project that Mitterrand once said would give rise to the "world's biggest and most modern library".

With Parisians joking that. in the two years since its opening, it has turned into the world's biggest fiasco. MPs will report on the series of floods, strikes and fist-fights between frustrated users and bad-tempered staff.

They will also try to explain the extraordinary computer-

Grand vision turns to farce, writes Adam Sage in Paris

ised obstacle course that prevents all but the most determined from obtaining any of the II million tomes stored in the grandly named Bibliothèque Nationale de

France-François Mitterrand. Yesterday, at the foot of one of the four glass L-shaped towers that constitute the library, Cécile de Bary, 32, was engaged in an heroic struggle

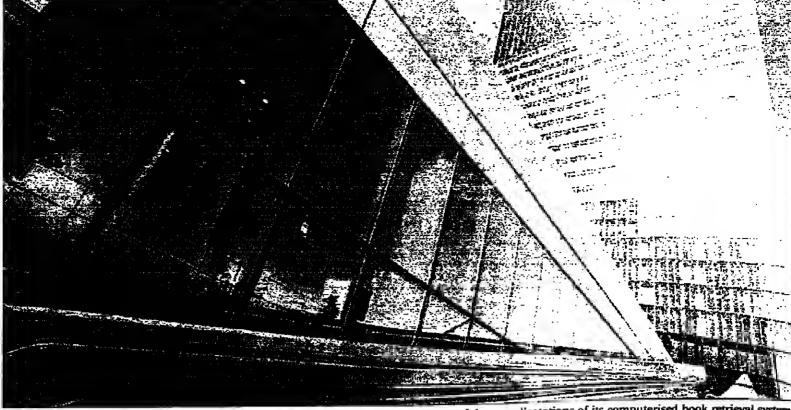
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with the information system in search of half a dozen works housed somewhere in the 295ft tower. After 15 minutes surfing on a public computer screen, she had got nowhere. "Non, non, non," she groaned, wringing her hands in a Gallic gesture of dismay.

'It's going to take me at least an hour to track down the books and I've only been able to reserve a reading desk for Friday, so I will have to come back then. It's terrible. No, it's worse than that."

In January, anger at the £42 million computer system ex-ploded as researchers attacked staff, badly injuring a preg-nant employee who lost her baby as a result.

The 2,500 staff went on strike for the second time in three months and were persuaded to return only when the management said it would shut the library on Mondays to ensure a stress-free start to



France's National Library has been criticised by academics as a catastrophe because of the complicatations of its computerised book retrieval system

the week. But that fuelled the fury of academics who said they would have even less chance of finding their books.

Their mood darkened further during the March rains when the library's basement was flooded, causing concern that ancient manuscripts could be in danger. in Le Figaro, the three professors,

Crouzet, Madeleine Fontaine and Anne-Marie Lecoq, described the building as being like the Titanic. International academics were being driven away because they could not retrieve documents from the library. they said. "Everyone knows do, they are often the wrong that it is no longer worth com-

tion is a veritable catastrophe. "This place is completely mad; the worst library I've ever come across," said Stephan Albrecht, 36, a lecturer in the history of art at the University of Tübingen in 10 get the books, and when you THE HIGH PRICE OF A FIASCO

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right, spared no expense the £830 million Bibil-France - François Mitterrand should surpass its British rival at St Pancras chairs at reading desks cost £300 each and the lamps were more than



# Gestapo man 'sickened' by

FROM TONY PATERSON IN BERLIN

A FORMER member of the Gestapo told a German court designed to rid Poland of its Gestapo told a German court that he "felt sick" when ordered to join a Nazi death camp execution squad and avoided firing a single shot in an extermination campaign in which more than 17.000

Jews were murdered. Alfons Götzfried, 79, has denied aiding and abetting the murder of thousands of Jews at the Majdanek camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, despite having admitted to Brit-ish police in an earlier investigation that he had shot dead

500 people. "I did not fire a single shot." he told the court in Stuttgart, on the first day in what is believed will be Germany's last big war crimes trial. "I immediately felt sick and collapsed. I had to be given medicine. Because of this I was given the job of loading rifle maga-zines. The whole thing was sad and evil," he added.

Herr Götzfried, an ethnic German born in Ukraine, has testified as a witness at several Nazi war crimes trials in Russia and Britain since mov-ing to Germany in 1991. He was taken into investigative custody by the German police

Prosecutors maintain that he took an active part in "Operation Harvest Festival", a Nazi campaign of mass execu-

entire Jewish population.

Kurt Schrimm, the state prosecutor, told the court how, in 1943, inmates of Majdanek camp were brought to mass graves near the camp crematorium. They were ordered to undress and were shot dead in groups in front of the other victims," he said.

Herr Schrimm said that Herr Götzfried himself shot dead about 500 victims and helped to kill the rest by reloading weapons for other firing-squad members. He said that although Herr Götzfried had been obeying orders, he was fully aware that his super-iors were motivated "particularly through a complete disregard for the lives of Jews".

Herr Götzfried had admitted the killings under questioning by British police. but German prosecutors have said they cannot charge him with murder because of a lack of supporting evidence and his low rank in the Gestapo.

Herr Götzfried told the court that he joined the Wehrmacht in 1941 after the invasion of the Soviet Union and was employed as a groom. He was assigned later to a special Gestapo unit before being taken prisoner by the Red Army in 1945 and serving 13 years in

### Bank link to Nazi gold

THE Central Bank of Argentina may have stashed Nazi gold after the war (Gabriella Gamini writes). Research by an independent commission investigating the country's role as a haven for Nazi war

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Klich, head of the commission. said it was the first tangible or idence of such a link.





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the website of Offer, the electricity regulator. According to Which?, a British Gas customer using the average amount of gas will pay £357 if he pays by cheque. £324 if he pays by quarterly direct debit and £312 if he pays by monthly direct debit. Switching to London Electricity, the bills would be £62, £38 and

£30 lower respectively. Most homebuyers arrange building and contents insurance when they take out a mortgage. This is the easiest option, but also often the most expensive as the insurer takes the opportunity to recover the fat commissions it pays to the bank or building society for your custom. Organising cover independently can slice 30 per cent off the premiums.

Instead of ringing round every insurer for a quote (a lengthy but not fat-burning process) you could get an insurance broker to take the strain. John Charcol, the mortgage and insurance broker, asked five insurers what they would quote for a 40-year-old living in Birmingham B5 and needing £35,000-worth of contents cover. The premiums ranged from £296 at Commercial Union to £536 at Royal Sun Alli-

example, can withdraw money without Easy Money has already emphasised charge only at Bank of Scotland, Lloyds the budget-boosting potential of remortgaging, ie, transferring your loan to a lower-rate deal with your existing lender or a



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competitor. But here is one more striking example. A borrower with a £100,000 standard variable rate loan at 6.85 per cent will be paying £570.83 a month, Move to a new loan offer from the Stroud & Swindon Building Society, with a 2 per cent discount until 2001 and a 1 per cent discount until 2004, and your repayment drops to £404.16.

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■ PENSIONS: Age Concern has this week illustrated the inevitability of ageing and the need for pension-saving with computer-generated images of a senes-

cent Chris Evans and Posh Spice. Worse than wrinkles, however, is the prospect of retirement with only the basic state pension of £3,47) a year. If your firm offers a pension scheme,

you should join to take advantage of such perks as a contribution to your fund from your employer. The self-employed and freelancers can take out personal pension plans today. Or they can wait until the should be available within two years.

But the sooner you can start saving for retirement, the better. Turning their backs on their dishonourable past, insurance companies are now offering bettervalue pensions, with lower administration charges. A few independent financial advisers, such as Chartwell, based in Bath, will arrange a pension for a fee.

Tax relief softens the blow of investing in a pension. If you contribute £100, the

real cost, after tax relief, is £77 if you are a basic-rate taxpayer and £60 if you are on the higher rate.

SAVINGS: Bank and building societies are paying puny rates of less than 1 per cent on many of their popular accounts. Egg. Virgin Direct and Scottish Widows Bank are much more generous.

Another option is a cash individual savings account (Isa), where your interest will be tax-free, Abbey National offers a rate of just 1.85 per cent on a balance of £250 in its Action Saver account. The same balance earns o per cent in the Abbey Isa. Other cash Isa best buys come

from the Nationwide (6.50 per cent) and the Yorkshire (6.25 per cent). Keeping watch on your savings is seen in some circles as a diet aid. Checking on the constantly changing rates of interest will leave you little time to snack.

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### Where to bag the profit

IF the news of the good fortune of savers at the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, who voted for a four-figure windfall on Monday, made you green with envy, it is still possible to get in on the carpet-bagging act, but only just.

If you intend to open an account with a possible conversion target do it quickly.

possible conversion target, do it quickly. The Bradford & Bingley vote will mean that mutuals will be on their guard, so you can expect more and more of them to impose restrictions on people seeking to open new accounts.

Already opportunities for those inves-tors seeking windfalls who have not yet opened carpetbagging accounts are few and far between. Of the remaining major building societies, Nationwide, York-shire, Britannia, Coventry, Leeds & Holbeck and Newcastle are accepting new members, but they must sign away wind-fall rights to a charitable foundation when they join. So, for example, anyone who has opened an account at Nation-wide since November 3, 1997, would not be entitled to a windfall were the society

For the new carpetbagger the best bet is Portman Building Society: ithas recent-ly removed all restrictions on opening new accounts, while reiterating its "unswerving commitment to mutuality". The only drawback for carpetbaggers is that the minimum balances vary according to how you open your account.

For example, Portman has introduced a mini cash individual savings account (Isa), which pays 6.55 per cent on £10 for those who open their accounts through a branch. However, the minimum deposit for people opening their accounts by post is £1,000. The instant access account pays 4.25 per cent on balances of £100 for locals, and on balances of £1,000 for customers opening accounts by post.

It has become more difficult, however, lo force a conversion at Portman. On April 15 the society's existing savers, the members, voted to increase the majority needed for a conversion resolution to be passed to 7S per cent of savers and 50 per cent of borrowers.

The Skipton and the Chelsea are much less bagger-friendly. Skipton has a minimum balance on all accounts of £2,000. while Chelsea, one of the most vociferous supporters of the mutuality movement. pays punitively low rates of interest on some accounts. Its instant access account. for example, pays a paltry 0.5 per cent annually.

For those carpetbaggers who opened accounts before restrictions came in, the most competitive rates across the board are from Yorkshire Building Society. It pays 6.25 per cent on its mini cash Isa, 5.5 per cent on its instaot access account and 5.8 per cent on its 30-day notice account. However, the chances of a conversion at Yorkshire, another bastion of the mutual movement, are extremely low.

Paula Hawkins

# NASTY HABITS

eading motoring journalists' reviews of the Ford Focus, the longawaited successor to the Escort, is enough to make one

rush straight out and buy one. But don't rush out and buy a new one. The Focus, star of the "Expect more" ad campaign. may deliver more than your average family runaround. but you can also expect more depreciation. Because it was launched just over six months ago, it is still quite a "rare" car, so its price of between £12.000 and £14.000 for a 1.8 is high. Once the Escort goes off the market, thousands of Focuses will flood in and, experts say.

their pricewill plunge.

And the Focus is not alone. "People rarely take it into account, but depreciation dwarfs all the other costs of running a car," says a spokesman for the Automobile Association. The AA estimates that, for a medium-sized car, annual insurance is about £450 and road

The Ford Focus has been lauded in the motoring press, but don't rush to buy. Prices should plummet in the near future tion is £2,270. Just driving your car out of the showroom wipes 12 per cent off its value. In two years it loses about 45 per cent of its value, and after seven years. 75 per cent.

The rate of depreciacion depends on the make and model. if, for example you are one of the poor saps seduced into buy-

ing a new Citroen Xsara by clandia Schiffer's striptease, you will be interested to know that not only did the car

perform poorly in crash tests - the front airhag failed to open and the dummy's head (that's the crash-test dummy's head, not Claudia's) hit the dashboard but also that Citroens tend to be among the fastest-depreciating cars around, losing about 60 per cent of their value after three years.

The best way to beat depreciadon blues is to let someone else have them. Buy a two to three-year-old car and you can save thousands of pounds. According to Fleet Management Services, a new Rover 211 on the road costs £10,250, but you

can buy a threeyear-old model for £3,485 and save £6,765. A three-year-old Citroën Xsara costs £7,685 less than a new model. A new Peugeot 1.6 estate is E12,295 but after three years will cost £5,041

- a saving of £7.254. Vauxhall

Astras and VW Golfs are the best performers in the depreci-acion stakes. In fact, the Golf is one of the only cars in the small family range to retain more than 50 per cent of its price after three years.

A new Astra 1.6 costs £12,000, and one with about 36,000 miles on the clock is £5,160. A new Golf costs £13,975 new and £7,547 after three years, a saving of £6.428.

So if you buy a three-year-old Golf, you will have saved enough to insure the car for four years (fully comprehensive insurance for a 35-year old Londoner from Direct Line costs about £250 a year) and still have enough left over to buy a three-year-old Toyota RAV4 for those weekend

jaunts to the countryside. Although buying a used car is still a gamble, there are reputable second-hand dealers such as Network Q, which sells used Vauxhalls, that will check the car thoroughly.

Make sure that you have the registration document, MoT certificates if the car is more than three years old, and full details of its service history. If you are suspicious about the mileage, contact the car's previous owners to verify details.

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# The birds that can count up to seven

Research proves that animals do have mathematical skills, says Sanjida O'Connell

ythagoras thought that numbers symbolised the face of God. If that is the case, some animals could be closer to godliness than many of us suppose. Researchers are increasingly finding that many animals are as skilled at

maths as young children. Dr Miriam Rothschild, the distinguished zoologist, was the first to prove that birds can count when she made a study of cormorants that are trained by fishermen on the banks of the Li-kiang River, in China. The fishermen tie

string round the birds' throats so that they cannot swallow the fish they catch. The string is removed to allow the cormorants to eat every

seventh fish.
Rothschild says:
Occasionally, the fishermen would lose count of the numbers number of fish come first? caught and say 'Go on' to a cormorant, but the bird would just sit there refusing to dive

until the fishermen realised -'Of course, it's the seventh fish' - and took the string off." The cormorants were clever enough to understand that it

was the seventh fish they were allowed to eat, not the fish they caught on the seventh dive. More recently, Professor Marc Hauser, of Harvard University, used buckets, a few plums and some aubergines to demonstrate that monkeys can count. Hauser studies a group of wild monkeys on the island of Cayo Santiago, off

Puerto Rico, using a technique

called PLT (preferential look-

ing ome), which is adapted from child psychology.
PLT was developed as a

method of investigating the counting ability of infants by Professor Karen Wynn, a psy-chologist at the University of Arizona, in Tucson. Wynn showed children a doll, then put a screen in front of it; she then showed the babies anoth-er doll and put that behind the screen, too. Without the babies noticing, she removed one of the dolls and lifted the screen, revealing the remaining doll. Most babies stare for longer at this doll than they

do at the two dolls. allowing Wynn to The big argue that infants must have some question concept of numbers if they are surnow is: did prised to see one toy when there should be two. words or Wynn has also been able to demon-

> put one doll, followed by a second doll, behind the screen, lifted the screen and revealed three dolls. The children stared for longer, as if appropriately sur-prised that one plus one equals three.

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ple maths. Wynn

Hauser tried this same approach with monkeys but used aubergines. Like the babies, the monkeys stared for longer when they saw one aubergine when they had expect-ed to see two. Again, like the children, the monkeys were also surprised to see two aubergines miraculously metamorphose into three.

In a second experiment. Hauser put different numbers



More than just a bird brain: research among a fishing community in China has shown that trained cormorants such as this can apparently count up to seven

of plums in two buckets. The monkeys consistently went to the bucket containing the most plums. He says: "We found that they are capable of discriminating between four and three, a capacity which oneyear-old infants do not have."

Hauser points out that there could well be a survival value in being able to count. "Animals are constantly confront-ed with situations where they have to evaluate the number of animals, or the number of pieces of food," he says. "So it is a natural task for them to be confronted with solving a simple mathematical problem.

> mained open is whether or not they evaluate things in terms of 'more or less', or whether they are counting." Hauser was able to demon-

strate that monkeys were counting. He put one aubergine, followed by another, behind a screen and raised it to reveal one large aubergine that weighed as much as the previous two combined. The amount of aubergine was still the same, but the number was different, and yet the monkeys looked for longer when they

saw the huge aubergine. Monkeys may be smart, but they have their limits — they don't seem to be able to understand two plus two, nor can they distinguish between four and five plums. However, with human tuition, a small The question which has renumber of animals have achieved greater numerical feats.

> Professor Irene Pepperberg, from the University of Arizo

na, has been taught to speak and can count up to six. 'Alex's achievement in counting is impressive," says Professor Euan Macphail, a psychologist from York University. On the other hand, there are questions we might ask about exactly what is involved in the sort of counting that Alex

acphail's criticism is that the creatures are they are subitising — this is the ability to look at a number objects and to know how many there are without counting.

He explains: "If I flashed up Alex, a grey parrot raised by a picture of four parrots, you would see instantly that there were four parrots - you

would not need to go through systematically counting two. three, four." Macphail adds that our skill at subitising allows us to name only up to eight objects; so one would expect animals, if they were subitising, to understand numbers up to or fewer than eight, too.

He adds: "If we want to see animals' counting abilities as a demonstration of a higher intellectual ability, we have to go beyond counting to some-thing like arithmetic."

A number of chimpanzees in Japan and America have managed to both count up to nine, and do simple arithmetic. Professor Sarah Boysen, from Columbus State University. Ohio, has taught some of her animals to use a touchscreen computer. She shows

them a number of objects, usu-

THE invention of ag-

riculture is shared by mankind and the

ally sweets, and they point to the correct number on the computer. Two of the chimps, Bobbie and Sheba, can also add up and subtract simple sums and work out fractions, such as half a banana or a quarter of a pear. These animals abilities may

be impressive, but why are scientists asking whether animals can count? After all, a salmon can't understand pi, but it is still incredibly well equipped for its own lifestyle. and its feats of navigation outshine anything that we can do without the aid of technology. Comparing animals to a human yardstick invariably

means the animals will fail. Hauser believes that this work is vital because it allows us to determine whether language or maths evolved first.

What these animals are doing, essentially, is counting in 'nameless numbers" - they have the concept behind counting, but without the words. Now he and other scientists want to know the extent to which animals make calculations - do they, for example, go through the same kind of thought processes as a human

"For instance," he says, "a human finds a piece of chocolate cake in the refrigerator: it's the only piece left, and his room-mate might enjoy a piece, too. He is confronted with two choices: does he tel his room-mate honestly, 'I'd like this piece of chocolate cake', or does he eat it and risk that if he is found with the cake, his room-mate will probably get a little annoyed?"

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# Don't miss out on the meteors

LAST November astronomers anxious to see the best meteor shower for 33 years decamped to Asia, where fireworks were predicted. In reality, they would have done better to stay at home. Instead of amazing the people of East Asia, the 1998 Leonids shower produced its most dramatic fireballs over the Atlantic 16 hours earlier.

In a remarkable piece of scientific detection, this unexpected result has been traced back to events that took place more than 600 years ago in 1333.

The annual Leonids shower (socalled because the shooting stars appear to originate from the constellation of Leo) is caused by the Earth passing through the orbit of the comet Tempel-Tuttle. This happens every year, but especially brilliant displays occur every 33 years or so, when the comet has passed close to the Sun, releasing more dust particles for Earth to plunge through.

Predicting the ri-mmg of such an event is notoriously difficult. but missing the best part of the event by 16 hours was a big error. Now three astronomers - Dr David Asher and Professor Mark Bailey, of Armagh Observatory, and Professor Vacheslav Emelyanenko, of South Ural University in Chelyabinsk, in the Russian Federation --

explanation. mers missed occurred as Earth passed through an extremely dense, narrow stream of large dust grains and particles, up to several centimetres in diameter. The timing suggested that these particles were in an orbit rather different



Nigel Hawkes

say that we must look back to 1333 for an The display that many astrono-

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last 42 occasions when it made its closest approach to the Sun. They identified September 1333 as the time when most of the observed particles must have been released. These particles did not spread out in space be-

cause of a dynamical process known as resonance, the same process that keeps Saturn's rings In this case it is the influence of Jupiter which kept the dust cloud intact instead of allowing it to

stream of small grains the comet. shed by the comet, and In the latest issue of Monthly No-

that they left the comtices of the Royal Astronomical Society, they report that the particles et's nucleus many hundreds of years ago. occupy a rather short arc, forming They calculated the a dense strand of large particles motion of large dust separate from the "normal" strands of small particles, which grains ejected from the comet at each of the lie ahead of and behind the comet. The calculations show that in November 1998 the arc of particles released in 1333 cut right through Earth's orbit, and the calculated

> matched the observed meteor shower maximum to the hour. The researchers are not expecting a repeat performance of bright fireballs in November this year. But a strong "normal" display is likely, peaking at about 2am on November 18, because of meteoroids ejected from comet Tempel-Tuttle in 1866, 1899 and 1932 that have not yet had time to disperse

around the comet's orbit.

time for when this happened



leafcutter ant. These ingenious creatures live on a special fungus that they grow on leaves and fragments of vegetable debris, which they collect and carry back to their nests. Each day they harvest and eat the crop.

But they face the same problem as farmers -- other organisms invade their plots and exploit them. Dr Cameron Currie, of the University of Toronto, found that the

### Ants that farm their own food

ants' gardens were often invaded by a virulent fungus called Escovopsis, but that it never seemed to gain a foothold.

He found the answer in a white material that all fungus-growing ants carry in a kind of bib under their chins. In Nature he reports Streptomyces. He guessed that the bacteria produced an antibiotic capable of killing the invading fungi. Experiments in a dish con-firmed it. All fungi would grow in the presence of the bacterium except the invasive one.

that this substance is a bacterium,

He concludes that the bacteria must be producing a very specific antibiotic which has yet to be idenified. To sustain the symbiotic relationship, the bacteria must be getting something out of the deal. too - probably, he suspects, some form of nourishment.

### Dogs get a dose of their masters' medicine



DOGS IN the West-ern world are fed better than many people in the Third World. They also get better medical treatment, with drugs originally

designed for human patients finding uses for such canine complaints as separation anxiety and cognitive dysfunction syndrome, a

doggy form of Alzheimer's disease. The drug company Novartis has discovered in trials that clomipri-

madine hydrochloride, an anti-depressant used for obsessivecompulsive disorder in human beings, is effective in treating the anxiety that some dogs feel when left alone. The company told The Scientist that 14 per cent of the American dog population - seven million dogs - suffer symptoms, so

the market is large.

Plizer, meanwhile, has found that a Parkinson's disease drug, selegiline hydrochloride, is effective in treating CDS, a mental decline

ing symptoms. About 70 per cent of dogs improved after a month of treatment. Both these drugs have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration in America.

Drugs to stop dogs biting seem an obvious follow-up, but liability claims may put the pharmaceutical companies off. And a really effective treatment for the panic induced in some dogs by fireworks and thunderstorms seems as dis-



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# When Tiffany's is a cheap option

WHAT DO you want for your birthday?" asks Peter.
"Oh whatever," I lie. We are sitting io Ruby Foo's, Manhattan's trendiest new
"Dim Sum and Sushi Palace. specialisiog in Pan Asian and Pacific Rim".

Ruby Foo's, owned by Steven Hanson of the legen-dary Ocean Grill, opened this month to Broadwaystyle reviews, the birth of a restaurant here being of equal, if not greater, cultural significance to a new show. But its real claim to fame is that it has opened on the Upper West Side, at 77th Street and Broadway, a district that is otherwise almost devoid of "desti-

natioo" restaurants. As New York magazine gushed in its review: "Foo's is a red-hot, polished black and actique gold duplex of such brazen gawk-at-this elegance that its grand staircase can transform the descent of any common flowergirl into a spotlight-worthy entrance to rival Eliza Doolittle's commg-out party."

The Upper West Side, somewhat flameringly portrayed in Nora Ephron's latest film. You've Got Mail, is where many media Man-hattan couples move when they start a family and are reluctantly forced to relinquish the loft in TriBeCa. And Ruby Foo's is trying to appeal to this market of

local baby boomers by trumpeting its infant-friendliness. It suggests that one can happily continue one's prebaby regimen of frequenting restaurants - just bring the little bundle with you like a genetic fashion accessory. Rather like those advertisements for tampons with names such as Liberty and Freedom, with their images of smiliog women abseiling down cliff-faces and water skiing in thongs and such copy lines as: "Don't let the time of the month cramp

your style!"
Foolishly, we have fallen for all of this, although by the time our spicy tuna sushi arrives. Thomas's persistent



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central flaw in the baby'n'res-taurants pitch. Oddty, the other patrons don't seem to mind. Young women keep coming over to coo pleasantly at his frowning red face,

with each new arrival before getting back to the serious contest of showing us that he has more stamina than we have patience.

"Can't you think of anything at all?" shouts Peter

above Thomas's conversa-tion-defying din. "No. really, whatever," I

lie again, depressed that he has failed to pick up all the hims that I've been littering all week. For the truth is, although I'm ashamed to admit it. I have been swept up by the city's latest fashion craze Although I am normally oblivious to the significance of designer labels. 1 crave a Kate Spade nappy bag. I know, I know — there is nothing intrinsically spe-cial about the Kate Spade bag. There is nothing to distinguish it from the many similar bags on the market, except for its tiny black and white label whisperiog Kate

Spade New York. Yet in the past few mooths it has mugged the Prada knapsack and shrugged Lulu Guinness off the shoulder as the quintessential accessory the working-woman's wardrobe creating a Furbylike fetish among professional women.

"Guess what," says Dani, whose baby shower I went to

earlier this month. "My agent gave me a Kate Spade nappy bag as a shower gift." whistle in awe. Forget taking her phone calls - this more than anything indicates the degree of serious-

ness with which her agent

regards her. How did anyone manage before the Kate Spade nappy bag?" marvels Joyce, a television producer and the mother of five-month-old through its many pockets and triumphantly retrieves a bottle of Simulac.

My own, considerably cheaper, imitation — made by something called Babies Alley — also contains a black portable changing mat and several waterproof pockets for bottles and soiled diapers. I kick it under my chair.
"I was in Frederic Fekkai

last week," reports Betsy, a psychotherapist, "and every ingle woman having her hair cut had a Kate Spade Even the New York

Observer, the city's most cyni-Toesday: "I'm afraid I just

a green one

checkout.

Five hundred women re-

cently eschewed their dawn

workouts to turn up at 6am

and stand in line for the annual Kate Spade sample

their fliptop cell-phones and

carrying on conference calls

as they stood in the queue.

Reports back from the fash-

ion from line say that it took

30 minutes to get through the

thing I'd quite like." I say

finally as we struggle with

the pushchair, carrying it like a sedan chair down

Ruby Foo's grand staircase

as Thomas raises a regal

wave. "I'd like a Kate Spade

nappy bag."
"OK," nods Peter.

"Actually there is some-

le, picking up e-mails from

nist columnist to explain the turning empty-handed from item's mystique. "It is a bag his trek to Barneys. "Have you any idea how much a Kate Spade bag costs? described at best as plain but there is a stigma - or is it an aura? - that goes with this "Mmn, I know. They're purse," she admitted, before quite expensive." I murmur. succumbing to the charms of

"They're \$450!" Peter explodes. "For a bit of old nylon and a zip. And the ordinary bags, they start at \$750. And they're not even particularly well made.

"I tried." he goes on as I anempt to mask my disap-pointment. "I really tried to buy one. But I just physically couldn't do it. And so I got you something else."

He hands me a small turquoise box from Tiffany's. Inside is a pair of Paloma Picasso earrings.

"These are beautiful," l admit as I press them through my lobes. "Sut weren't they very expensive? "Well, but it this way." he 'ers )lv-ber

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cheaper than a Kate Spade who would ever have

says. 'They're an awful lot

thought that Tiffany's could be the economy option?

# Do not clam up, be rigid or frigid

In the third extract from his memoirs, George Walden offers a wry guide to protocol when travelling with the royals

Queen is an art, and it took time to learn the tricks. In my three years working alongside the Foreign Secretary. I became quite the little royal travclier. After visits to Cermany, Denmark, Morocco, italy. Tunisia and the Gulf on the Royal Yachi Britannia. I wrote a list of do's and don'ts. It turned out to be all don'ts.

Do not make an oik of yourrunning your own hath. The flunkies know better than you when you need a bath, and will turn up to run it for you, uninvited and at the most inappropriate moment. When this happens, do not say testily "I will do it myself". since that could imply that a) you rarely take baths; b) you are not used to having them run for you; c) you are a republican as well as an oik.

Never overdress at breakfast or underdress at dinner. Resign yourself to the fact that much of the ome on board is spent changing clothes. The maximum I counted was five times a day. At breakfast. when a dressing-down competition takes place among the myal party (though not the Queen and the Duke, who breakfast alone), sweaters and

cently go. You then return to your cabin with just enough time to change again, the first engagement of the day involving morning suits. Lunch means another change, and dinner will be in Di at white tie. Royalty should be esteemed for their proficiency as quick-change artists alone.

When it is your turn to dine next to the Queen, do not clam up, be rigid or frigid. Do not think yourself a toady for harbouring positive thoughts about Her Majesty: behind her dutiful demeanour lies a strong sense of irony and a genuine wit. Do not return the foreign

decorations that you find on your cabin desk to the host country, thinking that you are a master of protocol. Yes, h is true that the Queen and the Foreign Secretary are not allowed to accept foreign orders. but being too junior to matter. you can accept whatever distinguished medals you like. In return for being number 21 in the Royal Household, I am made, among other things, a Commander of the Order of the Republic of Tunisia and of the Danish Order of the Dan-

nebrog. Remember to wear

the one you have just been giv-

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jeans are as low as you can de- en and take care not to wear the Order of the Dannebrog in Tripoli, which is not in Denmark, though there are times when all banquets seem alike and you have little idea where the hell you are.

Do rot allow a procesy smile to play on your lips as you contemplate the array of gifts from your hosts that appear miraculously in your cabin. The rule for gifts is the reverse of that for orders: the medals you may keep but the gold watches you must return. Do not, however, renun the watches and suchlike to the emir or sheikh who presented them to you, since they do not need the money, but to the Treasury, which does. The sheikh or emir would also be offended, whereas the Treasury is lack-

ing in all human sensitivioes. On one royal trip to the Gulf amassed a small hoard of gold, including a watch with the head of the local emir ticking from side to side. On my return I duly declared my hoard to the Treasury and was asked for some £7,000 (£20,000 today), the balance remaining after my £30 gift allowance had been deducted. Not being able to lay my hands on £7,000 and having no pressing need for watches with ticking heads. my gold went to the Treasury. Do not ask why you were given the gifts if not to keep, or why the emirs do not send a cheque direct to the Treasury. Logic in maners of royal protocol will get you nowhere.

ever turn down a

drink, unless it is of local manufacture. Alcohol can drown the boredom. Never display natural human emotions such as impatience or surorise. Above all, remember that royalty are normal people who smile, joke and like to enjoy themselves. Behave normally, but not to the point of smibing too much or making too many iokes. Too much smiling will make you appear a congenital idiot or a subservient buffoon. Too many jokes will invite too few laughs, not because the jokes are not funny but because they are not royal. Be respectful but not glum (an infal-lible sign of the republican), courteous but not over-deferenrial ta sign of low self-estcern), natural but not too natural you are with royalty, my friend, and never forget it).

 Extracted from Lucky George by George Walden, published by Penguin on May 6. E17.99; available to Times readers for £15. p&p, from The Times Bookshop, 0990 134459.



Wining and dining for Britain: the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh aboard Britannia. with the former Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd (right)

### PRINCE OF WALES

THE fall of the Berlin Wal brought me into contact with the Prince of Wales. A speech I made at the Royal Institute of International Affairs at the end of the Cold War caught his cotice and there followed the first of several meetings -

an invitation to tea.

It was with a sense of unreality that I sat with the Prince in our brocaded chairs in Kensington Palace, with a private secretary who looked as if he had never set foot in a compre hensive school in his life, lamenting the state of the nation's education. The subject brought on the Prince's whyoh-wby look, in which be screws up his eyes in agooised incomprehension and folds his brow like rumpled paper His astonishment was both touching and painful. He could not understand how teachers could not grasp what was so clear to him. Why didn't they see that this egali-tarian nonsense was a ghastly mistake and snap out of it?

He was, of course, right. Nevertheless, it was an exasperating conversation. There were so many things the Prince needed to understand and so few ways of telling him. We are all inadequately educated, but in a sense the Prince, it seemed to me, was more backward than most. He did not seem to grasp theoretical concepts and had no experience of a typical English school. How do you converse with a man who has perfectly sensible instincts but no practical or intellectual understanding of the problem?

When we talked about the poverty of aspiration it was tempting to ask him how a shopgirl whose role model was Diana - rich, pretty, poorly educated but soupily caring -- could be encouraged to aspire to a higher intellectual station in life? Perhaps should have said it. Maybe he would have understood that. As it was, the Prince gave me the impression of a perpetualpuzzled man - puzzled as

to his role, puzzled as to the ways of the British, puzzled as to the ways of the world.

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Walden on Thatcher: "Clearly she had reached the stage where no one dared to tell her that she couldn't treat people like that

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# Tony, you're talking globaloney

Globalisation is another moral

evasion, says David Selbourne

fall of communism, the American thinker Francis Fukuyama proclaimed the "end of the historical process". We were now all liberal democrats, or becoming so. We were in consequence entering a "post-historical period". he argued, in which the great battles of the past, ideological and otherwise, were effectively

we came to know soon enough that this thesis, whose vogue was intense but brief. was twaddle. Wars and massacres, a heightened sense of ethnicity, continuing scientific and technological "advances". genetic manipulations, fundamentalist muscle-flexing, ecological changes and all the rest of it have taught us their own lessons. History does not have an "end", in any sense. Now, a new and equally fashionable thesis is leading

us all by the noses: that of "globalisation". It was outlined in all its majesty at the weekend by Tony Blair in Chicago. We live, allegedly, in an essentially new world. It is not, this time, one in which historical evolution has somehow come to an end. Rather, it is one in which the "global" economy, the "global" society,

a "global" culture. and "global" ciozenship rule the planetary roost. New responsibilides rest on our leaders' shoulders. And new gurus whisper in their For the ideologi-

cal father of this thesis, our new Fukuyama, is Pro-Anthony Giddens, the Director of the London School of

Economics and Mr Blair's favourite intellectual. He has been outlining his theory of globalisation this month as the BBC's Reith lecturer. But the thesis of "globalisacion", a mutant form of the "end-of-history" proposition, is, like its predecessor, just twaddle. It is pure globaloney. National policy decisions.

cultural traditions and social conditions remain the important variables in determining a state's economic fortunes. Governments continue, sometimes with justice, to congratulate themselves for making economic choices that are superior to those of their predecessors or neighbours. States must, nevertheless, always be involved in relations wider than their own bounds. Economic autarky and poliocal insulation from other nations are not options. Indeed, they never have been. But governments continue to defend their nadons' interests in particularist ways; in democracies they are sacked by their national electorates if they do

But what does the thesis of "globalisation" represent? First, it expresses a strong, even apocalyptic, death-wish for the nation-state and the moral order. The nation-state is regarded as basically out of date, having been superseded by "global" forces that dwarf it and which it cannot control. The moral order — any moral order - has been overtaken or subsumed by the universal cause of human rights and of individual self-emancipation from restraint. The family, and many other "traditional"

n 1992, in the wake of the social arrangements, are being rendered obsolete under "global" pressures of varying kinds. These institutions are all for the knacker's yard and. so goes the wisdom of the hour, about time too. This is the death-wish.

Secondly, the thesis of "globalisation" provides a cover. or legitimation, for the failures of individual states to tackle their manifold social, economic, ethical and environmental problems. It is highly convenient for some politicians to feel, and to be told. that these profilems are be-yond their own powers to solve. Thus, if climatic "warming" is "global". as it is, but the individual nadon-state is held to be powerless on its own to do anything about it — say, by reducing its emissions of pollutants and noxious gases the burden of obligation can

be transposed on to the back of a "global" organisation. By this means practical problemsolving may be postponed sine die. But this is merely another form of moral evasion, in which the global dimension provides a near-perfect alibi for the transference of moral responsibility, and even for entire inaction.

Thirdly, the thesis of "globalisation" is no more than a parti-cular, and limited, 'Global' construction of reality. A "global" vi-sion is in fact parwarming tial and myopic it means no sees the wood rather than the trees. one nation It is also a truism. The world is by need take definition "global" and can be no oth-

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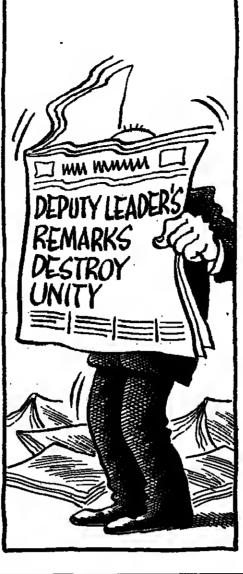
oreover, "global" as the world must be, the sun still rises upon us in the particular place (and nation) where we are. We have, much as before, our exits and our entrances, even if science may interfere. We can change our minds, as we can change - some of us - our habitats and habits. But we cannot retrospectively change our particular place of birth, or our particular maternal language, any more than we can change our race, or our colour, or - despite "gender

reassignment" - our sex. And only with difficulty can we deny our natural predispositions and talents, our preferences and prejudices, including those in favour of one particular form of local belonging or affiliation over another. The globetrotting poliocian, banker, tourist, malioso or intellectual may see, from the air, the global dimension of human existence. But men and women on the ground are confined, and generally secured, by their associations in a particular place and time. We are not "citizens of the

world". We cannot be: the very concept is a contradiction in terms. But then "globalisation", as a theory, is like that. In common with its predecessor, the "end of history", it promises much as an explanatory notion in our dark times, yet, at the last, provides no real illumination at all.

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# Nato's moral morass

he spin from Washington is clear. Tony Blair can talk about an air war and a just war, but he must not mention a real one. Real wars kill our people. Mr Blair must go on fighting his war from 15,000ft. The target list must be intensified. The crusade against President Milosevic must be sustained, but not where it might be won, on the ground. Morals are fine for speeches, but in action pragmatism is all. Britain appears to be alone in

Nato in its eagerness to invade Kosovo. President Clinton finds the idea unpalatable and Italy, France and Germany regard it as "off the agenda". Nato proceeds to dither. while intelligence reports that Mr Milosevic has more troops in Kosovo than when the bombing began. Speaking to the American media last week, the Prime Minister barely concealed his frustration at his colleagues' refusal to carry war to its logical next stage, to expel Serb forces from Kosovo and repatriate the Kosovans. He is Prometheus chained to the Nato rock, while a defiant Mr Milosevic gnaws at his vitals.

In this I have some sympathy with Mr Blair. Any belief that Mr Milosevic would sooner or later invite Nato to invade his country was wishful thinking and bombers' rhetoric. Mr Blair now realises this. If Nato was serious about protecting the Kosovans, it would have rushed the rapid reaction force into Pristina last winter when Belgrade was clearly reneging on the October deal and before most of the Yugoslav Army had moved into the province. Nato's much-vaunted "rapid deployment capability" should have proved its mettle. Such an assault would have been no more illegal than the present one, and would have been far more "just", in securing a humanitarian goal agai-nst a clearly mendacious Belgrade.

Yet this course of action was never on. One of the more sickening spectacles of the past fortnight has been liberal hawks deriding the conduct of the war "so far", a war they wanted high off the ground, clean, technological and with no Nato dead. They would never have allowed Mr Blair to do the only logical thing, which was to invade. He and they fell on the necks of the air-war lobby, happy to believe yet again that a few Tomahawks would bring a dictator swiftly to his knees. They claimed that Belgrade might even welcome a few bombs so as to The manner in which we conduct

### this war demeans British values

help Mr Milosevic to sell a retreat from Kosovo to the mob. The same naivety must underlie the Cabinet's present faith in the Apache helicopter to somehow get them off the hook. The fact is that every Nato country has always been ready for bombing but not for war.

Mr Blair is said to be taking

advice on what to do next from Baroness Thatcher, victor of the Falklands. I know what she will be telling him: get out and bully the pathetic Americans into action or the pathetic Euro-

peans will never toe the line. He should beware such advice. There is no parallel with the Falklands. where national humiliation was at stake, where war was approved by the United Nations and where the military objective was crystal clear. (And even Lady Thatcher did not bomb Buenos Aires.) None of this applies in Kosovo, where the mission creep is as eerie as the method creep. I am averse

to treating a newspaper postbag, a BBC phone-in log or the London their own deeds against the enemy's conversation circuit as bellwethers of public opinion. I can only report that this war is leaving thousands of patriotic people baffled, concerned and even outraged. And all Mr Blair can say by way of consolation is that it is about morality.

In his Chicago speech last week. Mr Blair appeared to be redrawing the boundaries of British foreign policy in one sweep. He sought a new justification for military intervention against states committing "appalling crimes", and a basis for moral wars against dictators generally. But there are two sorts of morality applied to war. There is a just war conducted for the survival of the state or against a threat to world peace, in which every sinew must be tuned to the goal of victory. Nothing suggests that Nato (other than Mr Blair) sees Kosovo remotely in these terms. Nato's air

war is the most tentative, and ineffective, form of engagement, however awful its destruction.

Ouite separate are limited wars, fought in accordance with proportionality, in which military behaviour is restricted by moral considerations. As General Frank Kitson has written of such "policing" encounters, moral restriction makes them very hard to fight, yet restriction is vital if moral supremacy is to be maintained. Last month, Nato behaved accordingly. It said it would scrupulously

avoid civilian targets or risking civi-lian lives. It would tell the truth, respect democratic debate and confine its aggression to achieving specific goals. For instance, it did not seek Kosovan independence of Yugoslavia or the otherthrow of Mr Milosevic.

Recent actions, and justifications, indicate "morals creep" on Nato's part. Spokesmen are displaying that hazard of a war that is not going well, of measuring

standards. The accidental bombing of a commuter train and a tractor convoy was plainly the result of pilots being ordered to fly too high to identify their targets visually. Yet Nato said that the deaths were "really" caused by Mr Milosevic's ethnic cleansing. Asked to justify the conflagration of a civilian chemicals factory, the Defence Secretary, George Robertson, merely said it was no worse than Mr Milosevic's burning of Kosovan villages. Explaining the attempt to kill Mr Milosevic at night in his family home as an attack on a "command and control centre" was spin worthy of Mr Milosevic himself. I still cannot believe that the Prime

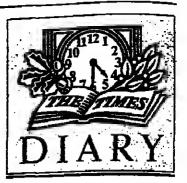
Minister approved it.
Last week's killing of between 15
and 20 staff at the Belgrade television building came after specific assurances from Nato's spokesman Jamie Shea that they were not a target. Either he was lying or he was being lied to by his superiors. The British International Development Minister, Clare Short, claimed that the staff were "legitimate targets" since the station had refused Nato's fanciful demand that it broadcast six hours of "Western programmes" in place of its own propaganda. By no known definition of war were these civilians classifiable as combatants. Yet they were treated by Nato's targeters as the equivalent of spies, executed without trial. Nato did not apologise for killing them, but appeared to seek moral equivalence between their deaths and Mr Milosevic's recent killing of a dissident editor.

o deep is this ethical morass that Robin Cook could yesnerday go on radio to casti-gate as "brutal" Mr Milose-vic's sending of soldiers to occupy a TV station. The Serbian President dispatched his troops to the outlet supported by his critic, Vuk Dras-kovic. This is the rival station to the one the Foreign Secretary had just bombed, killing half its occupants. In the ruthless media politics of Belgrade, Mr Milosevic is a comparative softie.

Mr Cook and Ms Short ask us to accept that, because Western jour-nalists are on the side of right and Serbs on the side of wrong, the premeditated killing of the latter is a just act". The massacre stopped broadcasts for just six hours, and risked the life of every Western reporter in Yugoslavia. I cannot see the proportionality, let alone the morality, in this. Targeting civilians remains wrong, and it is no good ministers repeating that the Kosovans were civilians too. It is an odd "just" war that seeks an equivalence of mayhem in others' conflicts.

Military intervention in Yugoslavia was wrong from the start. But even now it must be "moral" or it is mindless. I know the war's macho supporters will dismiss this ethical nicety as defeatist. Nato must win. People will get hurt. Every Serb is a legitimate target and we need to remember only that Mr Milosevicis worse than us. I disagree. The warmonger cannot plead a moral end and deny morality a role in the means. He cannot summon the nation to a just war, and say justice is for wimps. Any British war should be better than that.

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# Agony Auntie

1 BOW to no one in my grief after the death of Jill Dando. But signs that a strange. Diana-esque cult of sadness is taking hold are evident at the BBC. Staff have been offered round-the-clock grief counselling. A global e-mail has been sent to

employees by Richard Sambrook. head of news gathering, saying that teams of therapists have been drafted in to White City. Even those who never met the presenter can seek therapy "no questions asked". Security has also been stepped

up. Michael Buerk, Anna Ford and Kate Adie will no longer be allowed into the building without passes. Ed Halling, chief investigator at

the BBC, has been charged with reviewing security for potential targets. He has received 20 calls since Miss Dando's death, as fears for the safety of big names grow: "They are certainly concerned about a threat to BBC staff."

MORE motoring capers with Peter Mandelson. Luxuriating in his new Fiat Punto at the weekend, his exhaust fell off.

ACUTELY aware of the frailties of youth, Eddie Bell might give Michael Owen (below left) an early bath. The HarperCollins boss (right) is worried about his El million signing. The Liverpool star was stretchered off the pitch after agreeing to write his memoirs (not



bad for a 19-year-old). His little mishap, ending his season, set lawyers thinking.

"We have included an injury clause," says Michael Doggart, handler, "We are protected against long-term injury. As long as it is passing, then the deal stays." If not. further negotiation" will be in order. Bell, an Arsenal man, says: "I am sure he will be back next season causing havoc for us."

*BERNARD MANNING* is William Hague's answer to Sean Connery in Scotland. The . . amusing bon vivant has been wheeled out as the Tories most vibrant celebrity. Here is his rallying call: "Socialism doesn't work. Look at Russia. You can't take out of the pot what you're not putting in. Unity is power. That's my motto." And Stalin's, too.

STEPHEN TWIGG has had to curb his ambitions. The MP has cancelled his £200-a-head dinner to launch his re-election campaign for Enfield Southgate. Awkwardly, the fundraiser would have set the clock ticking on crucial election expenses. Stephen took advice. "On reflec-

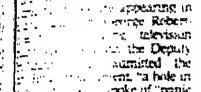
tion I decided this wasn't an appropriate event at this time." he says. Peter Mandelson, the star speaker, lost the chance to help to propel him back into higher office, but is promised another go soon.



ALWAYS keen to associate with winners, Alastair Campbell has been squiring Peter Reid, the successful manager of Sunderland. around Downing Street. Old babymunching Campbell held few fears for Reid. "Sports hacks give me a tougher time than these lobby journalists give Alastair," he said (correctly). Stand by for Peter Reid. MP - or Campbell as a Sunderland fan after the recent performance of his favoured club, Burnley.

JEREMY THORPE recalls a more patrician era. He was with George Brown and Alec Douglas-Home when Brown advised his predecessor as Foreign Secretary to move into the official pad in The Mall. Thorpe says Harold Macmillan had noted: "It's a pretty house. When the Duke of Devonshire sold Devonshire House, he bought it to have somewhere to store the furniture." "Christ" was all Brown could say. .

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### 'If I appear in pubs, darts games end and landlords run out of ice, and when I set foot on a zebra crossing I take my life in my hands' Notting Hill stands poised to shove Casagummed to its little bald head so that Old So then, is this sudden and public mention at all, but certaindeeply distressing disaffection

t is time for me to leave Cricklewood. I have no option. I do not want to leave Cricklewood. God knows (for He can see my fingers trembling as the hot tears pattering on to my keyboard. He understands, it is His job) but any day now — make that any night — I shall hearitirokenly chuck the bits and bobs of three decades aboard a handcart, grease its axle, muffle its wheels, and, provided there is no moon, push, literally, off. Praying as I furtively scuttle that there is no insomniac neighbour standing at his bedroom window keen-eyed enough, despite the dark, to speed my going with a valedictory brick. For who could blame him? These 30 years, he and his fellow-villagers have indulged me with an ever-lengthening tether, but now, at last they have found themselves at the end of it.

Brought there by Richard Curtis. Because Richard Curtis. who lives in Notting Hill, has made a film called Notting Hitl. I know I do not need to tell you this, I know you knew it two seconds after God knew it, for Notting Hill, though it has not even publicly opened, is the most known film ever made. Everything about it has been told in Gath and published in the streets of Askelon. Previews have appeared to shepherds watching their flocks by night. Open any Gobi tabloid, switch on any Inuit channel, cock an ear in any souk, down any coalmine, up any alp, and the talk is of little else. There can be nobody on the planet who does not know that Notting Hill stars Hugh Grant as an unsuccessful bookseller who falls for a famous actress played by Julia Roberts, just as there can be nobody who has not read that, as cine mannikin with a snapshot the result of all this taradiddle. snipped from this newspaper

blanca from its podium as celluloid's most as celluloid's most glamorous address. It could well become the first nominee to win an Oscar for Best Postal District. So, since Mr Curtis has manifestly triumphed ty his myriad romanocising skills, in making this dog-eared West London

enclave so chic. so famous, so globally desirable, is it any wonder that his neighbours should fall to their knees each bedtime, and bless his name?

And is it obversely any wonder that mine do not go to bed at all. preferring to hold black masses, strangle cockerels, and stick rusty hatpins into a crude plasnNick need be left in no doubt whatever? You would not believe the new froideur in the Cricklewood streets. crossed as soon as they spot me coming by those who would once smile, and pause, and gossip. Dogs are tugged away from my pat, children folded into their mothers' skirts.

change is wordlessly slapped down on shop counters, and Next Window signs slapped up in banks and post offices. I have only to appear in pubs for darts games to finish and landlords to run out of ice, and every time I set foot on a zebra crossing I take my life in my hands. If I wanted to borrow a cup of sugar or a pair of secateurs, I should have to

simply the product of Cricklewood's resentment that I have not done for it what Richard Curtis did for Notting Hill? Are the villagers enraged that the hack among them did not seize the chance to glorify their patch into an international byword for cuteness to fill the absent world with envy? Well yes, but that, I fear, is only a part of it. For it is not simply that, while Mr Curtis has sought every opportunity to select those features of Notting Hill which will enhance its charm and assiduously eschew those which might detract, I have, for Cricklewood, always striven to do the opposite, since my neighbours seem never to have minded that too much, have rarely raised a hackle, and have only occasionally tutted - perhaps because they were grateful that Cricklewood received any

because they clearly never felt that any harm was being done. Then what has so upset them, 7 hat has so upset them now is that brightest

among all the glare of publicity attending Notting Hill shines the revelation that local property prices have gone through the roof of every house. flat, and kennel in the area including Mr Curtis's own twobedroom bolt-hole, currently on the market at £1.3 million. And that, I'm afraid, is what Cricklewood holds against me. It senses that my depiction of it down the long arches of the years will serve only to prove that prices can go down as well as up. That is why I shall have to leave; although quite when, of course, I cannot say. Selling my house won't be easy.

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### **CRISIS OF CLARITY**

The current Conservative strategy lacks credibility

Only the conflict in Kosovo and tragic shootings at home and abroad have obscured just how traumatic the past week has been for the Conservative Party. Its Central Office is riven by scapegoat hunters. The Shadow Cabinet is in utter disarray. The partiamentary party, which thought that it had lost the capacity for shock, is bitter and angry. Old alliances have been broken. Many of those most appalled by Peter Lilley's address last week were his staunchest supporters when he sought the Conservative leadership in 1997.

It is worth recapping why Mr Lilley's lecture, and William Hague's defence of his deputy, proved such an important moment. Mr Lilley was understandably sensitive to the charge that Tories are not trusted to run the public services. He appreciates that this lack of trust stems from an impression that the party is bent on crudely privatising huge chunks of the health and education sectors. But Mr tilley's attack on the principle of market solutions, which offer a useful additional discipline to the spirit of public service, was of a rare intensity and tone. It cut the ground from under those of his colleagues who are seeking new, and sophisticated, policies. He repudiated a mythical past without offering any sense of a solid future. The Tory future is a terra incognita that may never be found by those who are now

On Monday evening the Shadow Chancellor, Francis Maude, promised to match the additional expenditure on the NHS and schools that has been pledged by the Chancellor. In a limited sense the specific pledge on money already committed could be seen as understandable. Apparent confusion over where the Tories stand on . health and education spending has been exploited for nine months by the Labour leadership. It was never likely that the

Conservatives could enter the next election committed to rolling back Mr Brown's spending on the NHS.

But this question opens several others for the future. As the economy turns in Mr. Brown's direction, he is steadily building up his war chest. He has already proposed an income tax cut and it is certain that there will be further announcements of even more billions of pounds for health and education. Have the Tories decided that they will match such an electoral bid or even attempt to outflank the Chancellor? What scope will be left for tax reform or any other aspect of their potential agenda if they do? Sir Alec Douglas Home once described the 1964 Labour manifesto as a "menu without prices". The Shadow Chancellor has now entered an auction. without a ceiling.

When the issue is the public services the Conservatives cannot hope to spend their way to mass affection. Their only prospect is to persuade an increasingly sophisticated electorate that schools and hospitals need to be run differently if they are to be affordable and effective. This was precisely. the possibility that Mr Lilley's colleagues felt that his speech closed down. This issue is not, as Mr Hague seems to think, the equivalent of Labour's Clause IV. The Tory message should be, to borrow from the Prime Minister, "what matters is what

works". The local election results on May 6 will probably provide Mr Hague with a respite from his problems. An advance of more than a thousand council seats on a mere 25 per cent turnout may raise morale but will not, in brutal truth, be a good result. The Conservatives have suffered a crisis of clarity not for two years but for at least seven and until that ends they are unlikely to stage a recovery. They are in a deep hole and, for the moment, cannot stop digging.



The West should not assume that Milosevic is weakening

For the past week the British Government has claimed that cracks are appearing in the Yugoslav leadership. George Robertson sees in the revealing television broadcast by Vuk Draskovic, the Deputy Prime Minister, which admitted the gravity of Serbia's predicament, "a hole in the façade". Last week he spoke of "panic and concern" in the Yugoslav High Command. Nato echoes these claims.

Much of this is wishful thinking. The broadcast was indeed the first inkling Serbs have officially been given that they are isolated, that Nato unity has held, and, significantly, that atrocities are being committed in Kosovo that constitute war . ; crimes. It might seem to take some courage to question nationalist-patriotic propaganda at a time when public anger at Nato is intense. But analysts should consider the source. Mr Draskovic has changed direction so many times and with such brazen opportunism that he has ceased to have much domestic credibility.

He began his political career as an ultra-nationalist proponent of Greater Serbia and ally of the fascist Vojislav Seselj. But he then turned against the wars in Croatia and Bosnia and recast himself as a liberal opponent of Slobodan Milosevic, bent on rescuing Serbia from isolation. Joining with two other opposition leaders in the "Zajedno alliance", he showed some courage as a leader of protest marches and was arrested and beaten by security forces. But Zajedno, which two years ago was a real focus for political opposition, disintegrated as a result of personal rivalries. In an act widely seen as a betrayal, Mr Draskovic then joined the Government.

The suspicion must therefore be that Mr Milosevic, the master puppeteer, has licensed him to voice his criticisms — as a sop to pent-up resentment on the streets

and a feint to fool foreigners that his Government is reasonable and realistic. His aim is to strengthen Western voices for compromise, by using Mr Draskovic to suggest a softening of Belgrade's position. Greeks, Canadians and others minded to give Russian diplomacy every chance will point to Mr Draskovic as evidence that Belgrade may be ready to talk. At home, the broadcast could be useful in flushing out opposition which can then be crushed.

Mr Milosevic has spent a decade outwitting his enemies. The army presents a far greater threat than his powerless lieutenant. He was sufficiently unsure of its loyalty last November to ship, replacing the chief of staff, head of state security and head of the air force with loyalists and men ready to do his bidding in Kosovo. Last month, he purged the Montenegro army command. But in the senior ranks there are still thought to be many officers appalled by ethnic cleansing and deeply resentful of what they see as a stain on the reputation of an army with considerable professional pride.

A threat might also come from Mr Milosevic's corrupt inner circle of cronies. They see their sources of wealth, from smuggling and the control of state assets and monopolies, disappearing under Nato bombs and their foreign bank accounts frozen. There is neither love nor loyalty in such a circle: few of these profiteers would have qualms if Mr Milosevic encountered the kind of "accident" that his enemies have suffered. He has shown few signs of cracking under pressure. But his paranoia shows in the murder of a prominent newspaper editor and the expulsion and prior censorship of foreign journalists. The apparently impregnable Ceausescu regime in Romania cracked without warning. So could that in Belgrade.

### **ONLY CONNECT**

London's Millennium Bridge links the future with the past

: Almost three hundred years ago an elderly man must have thrown wide the windows of his riverside home and gazed out across the waters. And he must have smiled his hin, proud smile at the view. For there, on he far, northern bank of the Thames, his nost spendid achievement was slowly rowing, rearing its great dome above a ity's skyline. The man was Christopher Vren and St Paul's, his cathedral, was to ecome one of the capital's finest monuients. Yet the view of it which Wren would nce have so admired has scarcely been ppreciated since. Bankside, where Wren ved, was until recently an inhospitable lace, its embankment a litter-strewn strip the edge of Southwark, one of London's porest boroughs. And it has been many ars since the Thames was crossed by nuttling lightermen ferrying passengers. Soon Wren's view may be enjoyed once ore. This morning John Prescott, the eputy Prime Minister, inaugurates the nstruction of the Millennium Bridge. fore the year 2000 has passed, a slender el walkway will have been thrown out ross the Thames, joining St Paul's on the rth bank with the new Tate Gallery of odern Art at Bankside. The first pedestrionly bridge ever to have spanned the er, it will restore to modern Londoners me of the sights of their history. It will m a link with the past.

The best bridges have always been as symbolic as they are serviceable; they have always amounted to more than the sum of their parts or their practicality. Human nature is wary of gaps. Structures are cast out across empty spaces to link times and ideas and communities together. The new Millennium Bridge will help to do all this. One of the few London landmarks genuinely to belong equally to north and south bank dwellers, it will work to knit traditionally divided districts. It will join the financial centres of the City with the world of the Tate, link high-tech skyscrapers to the 16th century in Shakespeare's reconstructed Globe.

Perhaps most importantly, this elegant new structure will help to restore the delights of the Thames to those who live in or visit London. Banked away behind concrete, traversed only by traffic, rarely sensed except through the roar and fume of impatient motors, the river has been neglected. But when the bridge - designed by sculptor Anthony Caro and the architect Sir Norman Foster - is completed. walkers will be able to stroll out across the spaces of the water. They will be able to listen to the slow slap and suck of the tides, smell the salt tinged winds, watch the treacty roll of suspended sediments sense the essence of an urban river as it captures the spirit of today.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### 'Cries of pain' at legal aid reform

From Mr Charles Holcombe Sir. The Lord Chancellor and the Law Society are at odds over the proposed

cuts in legal aid, which is currently running away with £1.6 billion of taxpayers money (report. "Irvine clashes with Law Society", April 26). That the Lord Chancellor wishes to change the culture of our litigation scene is admirable, but what organisation in its right mind would agree to curb £1.6 billion of fees?

Of course we all know that the present system is exceptionally adversarial - as anyone who has been through a divorce will no doubt know - but with an almost unlimited supply of money to fight the case, why should lawyers even contemplate killing the proverbial goose?

Expensive full-page adverts by the Law Society this week show just how worried it is that these reforms will affect its members, but most people who do not have any vested interest in these matters will know that a change is drastically needed in the whole culture of our litigation process where lawyers are motivated not by justice. but more often just pure greed, and

this is surely wrong.

I hope that the Lord Chancellor will not budge in his reforms.

C. HOLCOMBE. 6 Dorset Gardens, Brighton BN2 IRL

### From Mr Gerard Cosgrove

Sir, Would not the interests of the individual who features in the Law Society's expensive advertisement today be best served by a competent lawyer (confident in their own ability to gain reward in a no-win, no-fee arrangement) rather than by someone who wanted guaranteed payment regardless of their ability to plead the case successfully?

Or is the Law Society saying that its members deserve to be paid regardless of their competence?

The case, as quoted, looked like a cast-iron cert, but the Law Society seems to be implying that none of its members would touch it with a bargepole unless they had guaranteed money made available.

Yours faithfully. GERARD COSGROVE. 13 Jarrett Avenue, Rochester, Kent ME24NN.

From Mr Julian Nettlefold

Sir, I am armused by the cries of pain from the Law Society with regard to the Access to Justice Bill.

It is worried that a litigant can only win legal aid if 'he can prove he's almost certain to win his case". For decades lawyers have told clients that they are bound to win their case and should immediately apply for legal

Now it appears the Government has at last called their bluff.

Yours faithfully, JULIAN NETTLEFOLD, 3 Barney Mains. Haddington.
East Lothian EH4! 3SA.
j.nettlefold@battle-technology.com April 26.

### Pension claim delays

From Miss Rifat Mushtaq

Sir, On January 11, 1995, I issued proceedings in the then Industrial Tribunal on behalf of a lady who had worked part-time at the same branch of a multinational food company for some 17 years.

She had just retired on her 65th birthday and was ineligible for a pension. This is one of the 45,000 similar cases that have been lodged in the Employment Tribunal. The claim was stayed shortly thereafter.

Now 69, my client, who has never been involved in litigation before, is finding the wait for her claim to be heard stressful. The lead case still has not been determined by the European Court of Justice.

For a long time I have felt that the delay has been a scandal, but I am now extremely anxious, following the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal in the case of Lewisham and Guys Mental Health Trust v Andrews (Law Report, April 21).

The EAT held that there was no power conferred on the tribunals in either the Race Relations or Sex Discrimination Acts to substitute as claimant the estate of a person who died. I had already been told that a significant number of the claimants have died.

Not only should these cases be expedited but I would suggest that Parliament amends the law forthwith so that the claimants' rights will survive their death.

I write this letter today, when fast-tracking is introduced in the Civil Courts. My client will be too old to enjoy her pension, if ultimately successful, and if she dies her estate cannot benefit. Unscrupulous defendants have every reason to delay the determination of these claims.

Will the Government move quickly to resolve these problems?

Yours faithfully, RIFAT MUSHTAQ. Mushtag and Co (solicitors), 14-16 Bristol Street. Birmingham B5 7AA. April 26.

### Changing influences on divorce

From Ms Mary Hooper

Sir, The owner of Country Partners, the introduction agency for the over-45s, says husbands "go off with younger women" (report, "Divorce edging out the silver wedding", April 24), but I have found it is more often the older wife who instigates the marriage break-up, usually because she is no longer prepared to put up with her husband's attitudes or treatment of her. Behaviour that we tolerated in our twenties is no longer funny now we are in our fifties.

Those of us who married before the onset of feminism were taught to treat our husbands with deference. They were the men, in charge, heads of households. If, in return, they treated us thoughtlessly, selfishly or without respect then we just had to put up with it.

Since the Seventies, however, a different type of relationship has been possible: a new one where both partners are of equal importance and both have views which maner. Respect, tenderness and love are of paramount importance, and if these are non-existent in a relationship then more and more older women are feeling brave enough to move on.

Yours faithfully. MARY HOOPER. 27 Bell Road. East Molesey, Surrey KT8 OSS. April 24.

From Mr John Foley

Sir, It is hardly surprising that an experienced family solicitor advises that it is most important to choose an experienced family solicitor (feature, "The good divorce guide", April 20). At Families Need Fathers we take the view that the welfare of children is much 100 important to be left 10 solicitors and that parents should take control of their own case and repre-

sent themselves.
Sadly, this is the only course available for the majority of fathers who cannot afford legal fees and do not qualify for legal aid.

Yours faithfully. JOHN FOLEY 17 Uliswater Crescent, Kingston Vale, SWI5 3RG.

From Mr Francis Campbell

Sir. In the Child Support Agency's booklet, For parents who live apart, the parent who lives with the child or children concerned is called "the parent with care". The other one is called "the non-resident parent". Here are two quotations from the booklet (my italics): te that the amount you pay may be lower

in the minority of cases where the parent with care has substantial income of her If the non-resident parent gets Income

Support ... he will pay nothing if he is sick or disabled or has dependent children in his household. Do not these quotes reveal institu-

tional sexism and prejudice in the

Yours faithfully. FRANCIS CAMPBELL, I Mendip View. Wrington Road, Congresbury, Somerset BS49 5AN.

The penalties of emasculated local

government are exacerbated by the

current planning system, which is negative and inhibits investment.

With some exceptions, where invest-

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environmentalists do not want them.

A business tax over which local

governments had substantial control

would allow some of them to set rates

to attract investment. The revenue

generated could be used to compen-

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ed with profitable local development.

Current proposals for reform reveal a Government and Treasury wishing

to retain a vice-like grip on local

finance, and a colonial approach to

devolution and local democracy.

### 'Emasculated' local government

From Dr Alister McFarguhar

Sir, Simon Jenkins says ("Cross with St George", April 23) that identity in England centres not on regions but on cities and counties, which merit in-creased autonomy from central government over, for example, raising local taxes. The current 1998 White Paper proposal to allow local government to increase (but apparently not reduce) the uniform business rate by 1 per cent per annum annually for five years is a derisory shuffle towards devolution. In any case, it seems currently to be on the back burner.

The past two Governments have treated local government like former nationalised industries, dependent on central government for about fourfifths of its finance. Tax and expenditure capping, plus a uniform business rate, have served only to perpetuate its inferior status. Incidentally, how does Government justify 2 uniform business rate while resisting. on principle, tax harmonisation in

EU patron saint From Mr Keith Havelock

Sir, I commend St Bruno, the patron saint of trade marks and of the In-stitute of Trade Mark Attorneys, as a patron saint for Europe (letters, April 14 and 21), as the EU is essentially an economic and trading community (or at least we hope it is).

Yours truly, KEITH HAVELOCK. Kintail, 25 Beaconsfield Road, Claygate. Surrey KTIO OPN. April 21.

From Mr James Thomas

Sir. Plain Hermes - surely a candidate. Messenger and herald of the gods, the divinity of commerce. theft, travellers and rascals. Also regarded as the patron of travellers, merchanis, and of thieves, pick-pockets and all dishonest persons.

Yours faithfully. JAMES THOMAS, 6 Hunter Place, Louth, Lincolnshire LNII 9LG.

From Mrs Susan Maxwell Scott

Sir. If we must have a patron saint for the EU may 1 suggest St Jude (October 28), the patron saint for lost

Yours sincerely, SUSAN MAXWELL SCOTT. 12 Kelmscott Road, SWII 6QY. April 26.

Branson's business

libel actions, which I won, against the author and publisher of the book, Dirty Tricks, which covered much of the same ground as your serialisation.

Virgin's corporate profile."

High-tech Latin

Yours faithfully, ALISTER McFARQUHAR,

Downing College, Cambridge CB2 IDQ. amm 1002@cam.ac.uk

April 25.

From Professor Dennis Wood

Sir, Your frequent and most welcome commentaries on things Roman, notably your recent leaders on the London sarcophagus and the ships discovered at Pisa (April 15 and 21), assume a readership for whom the world of Lucretius, 'mare nostrum' and the technicalities of the "corvus" are more than mere schoolboy memories. Any such readers who wish to keep

alive, whether passively or actively, the language of Cicero might consider joining the "Grex Latine loquentium" (e-mail listserv@plearn.edu.pl), where they will read arguments about Kosovo, Virgilian hexameters and discussion of the game of latrunculi, all composed in Classical Latin.

Yours faithfully, DENNIS WOOD. 12 Selly Wick Drive Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7JH. d.m.wood@bham.ac.uk April 23.

Classical mix-up

Yours faithfully. DAMIAN BODDY. 113 Kenyon Lane, Croft.

From Mr Brian Basham

Sir, On September 8 last year you published an extract from Richard Branson's autobiography, under the headline "If I was going to stop BA's Dirty Tricks Campaign, I needed

At that time I was still embroiled in

Your extract failed to reflect that in his book Branson himself mitigates the accusations levelled against me. As an example, he concedes that I was engaged in corporate research, when he says (page 374): To be fair to Basham, he was concentrating on

Your readers were informed that I told a reporter that a rumour was circulating that Virgin Atlantic was having to pay cash for fuel. They were not told (page 381) that I warned the From Mr Damian Boddy

Sir, The use of Latin, Italian or any other foreign tags (letter, April 27), should only be faute de mieux.

Warrington, Cheshire WA3 7DU. April 27.

journalist that the truth of the rumour

could not be verified by BA. You also omitted evidence that confirms the accuracy of my research. No reference was made to Branson's many cash crisis admissions, in parti-

tular (page 322):
Signing Janet Jackson would send out the right message to all the people in the City and the CAA who might believe the British Airways rumours that the Virgin Group was suffering a cash crisis. The only trouble was that we were indeed suffering a cash was that we were indeed suffering a cash

These facts support my contention that I conducted an objective and accurate assessment of Branson's business which was far removed from dirty tricks.

Yours faithfully BRIAN BASHAM. 14 Elsworthy Rise, NW3 3SH.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

### Reporting of Jill Dando's murder

From the Rector of St Michael, Cornhill and St Sepulchre-Without-Newgate

Sir, Jill Dando was a competent and likeable television presenter and the news of her murder has shocked and saddened us all, but the effusiveness of the BBC's coverage of the event was out of all proportion: the first 15 minutes of the six o'clock television news given over entirely, not only to report, but to maudlin and sentimental biographical reminiscence.

Our prayers and sympathy are with her family, but one is bound to wonder, if this is the measure of coverage when a TV star dies, what words will be left when it comes to having to report the death of the monarch?

Yours sincerely.
PETER MULLEN, The Watch House, 10 Giltspur Street, ECIA 9DE. April 26.

From Dr Dominic Horne

Sir, On the day of the funeral of six employees of Serbian television it was interesting to contrast the reporting of and reaction to the murder of one of their British colleagues. In my opinion their killing was not any less heinous an act and no less deserving of our revulsion.

Yours sincerely, DOMINIC HORNE, 30 Dalmeny Road, Edinburgh EH6 4QY. April 26.

From Mr R. A. D. Orchard

Sir, After Dunblane The Times was four-square behind the banning of handguns, in this country, which deprived thousands of sportsmen of their hobby.

Today, following the tragic murder

of Jill Dando, your Home Correspondent Richard Ford states (later editions) that "one reason for the rise of the hitman is the much greater availability of handguns". You cannot have it both ways; with the threat of ten years' imprisonment for non-compliance,

legally held pistols were handed in.
It appears that, far from improved public safety, there is suddenly a greater availability; most strange.

Yours faithfully, R. A. D. ORCHARD, 12 Elm Close. Waltham Abbey. Essex EN9 ISQ. April 27.

Violent video games

From Dr Mark Griffiths ments in Valerie Grove's article (April 24) about violent video games. The Denver massacre raises interesting questions about the effects of videogame violence on social behaviour. Despite continuing controversy for more than 15 years, there has been little in the way of systematic research on whether video games have the same effect regardless of age. The one consistent finding is that the majority of the studies on very young children - as opposed to those in their teens

upwards - tend to show that children

do become more aggressive after

either playing or watching a violent There is also the social context of playing. Does playing in groups or individually, with or against each other, make a difference? Recent research suggests that competitiveness increases aggression. There are also problems concerning the definition of "violent" or "aggressive" as there are numerous television cartoons such as Tom and Jerry which may not be regarded as violent within definitions employed in media research. Therefore, research into the effects of long-term exposure to violent video games remains speculative.

Yours faithfully. MARK GRIFFITHS (Reader in psychology; author, Video Game Playing in Children and Adolescents, Park Published Papers, 1997). The Nottingham Trent University, Burton Street. Nottingham NGI 4BU.

Cavalry in battle

From Mr Richard Winward

April 26.

Sir. As a former footsoldier I often used to ask what possible use cavalry could be in modern warfare (letter, April 19). The answer, delivered with hauteur, was invariably along the lines of the old Punch cartoon: "To add a little tone to what would otherwise be a vulgar brawl."

Yours faithfully. RICHARD WINWARD. New House, Brook Street North Newton, Bridgwater TA7 OBL. April 19.

Recorded delivery

From Mr Allen Watson

Sir, If the announcement to abandon the aircraft is a recorded message (reports, April 26 and 27), does this mean the crew have already jumped?

Yours faithfully. ALLEN WATSON. 32 Baldwin Road, Greatstone, New Romney, Kent TN28 8SY. es 砂计出计出站

### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 22: By command of The Queen. Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Derick Heaven at 1-2 Prince Consort Road. London, this afternoon, in order to bul farewell to His Evellency upon relin-quishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Jamaica in London. April 27: The Governor-General of Australia and Lady Deane were invited

to Lunch with The Queen. April 27: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning departed from Riyadh for His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Old Jedda.
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening

attended The Queen's Birthday Party Reception at the British Consulate General and later attended a Dinner with The Crown Prince.

ST JAMESS PALACE
April 27: The Prince of Wales. President.
Business in the Community, this morning presented the Community Enterprise Awards 1999.

His Royal Highness, President, The King's Fund, this alternoon received the Fund's Chief Faccutive, Rahbi Julia Neuberger.
The Prince of Wales, President, The Mary Rose Trust, received the Trust's Chairman, Sir David Cooksey.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 27: The Princess Royal, Colonel in
Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, undertook the following engagements:
Her Royal Highness this morning
visited the Riding Stables at Happy
Valley

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The Princess Royal alterwards un-

The Princess Royal alterwards unveiled the Joint Service Signal Unit [Ayto. Nikolass Cress of Hoppy Valley. Her Royal Highness subsequently viewed the Aytos Nikolass Primary School and Youth Club presentations at Hoppy Valley.

The Princess Royal later watched the second half of the Joint Service Signal Unit Rughy 7s match at the Rugby pitch, Happy Valley.

Her Royal Highness alterwards visited 259 Signal Squadron at Happy Valley and watched a display by the Red Arrows at Lemmines Beach.

The Princess Royal today anended a luncheup at the Sergeants' Mess, RAF

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Her Royal Highnest, Colunel in Chief, The Royal Louistic Corps, undertook the following engagements: The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the Cyprus Logistics Unit Head-

quarters at RAF Akrolini. Her Royal Highness visited the Royal Logistic Corp's Vessel Andalsnes at Akrotini Mole.
The Princess Royal later departed

The Princess Royal later departed Cyprus for Egypt and was received at Caito International Airport by The British Ambassador to Egypt [His Excellency Sit David Blatherwick]. Her Royal Highness this evening anended a Dinnet given by the Minister of Coduce Margaret Hernil at Beil of Culture (Mr Farouq Hosto) at Beit Al-Harawi, Cairo.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 77: The Duke of Gloucester this evening attended a Church Army Service of Thanksgiving and Reception in Derby Cathedral and was received by Her Majesn's Lord-Lieutenant for Derhysbine (Mr John Bather).

The Duchess of Gloverster today visited Lincolnshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenam (Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley)

Her Royal Highness opened the new buildings at the Deepings School, Deeping St James, Lincolnshire. The Duchess of Gloucester after-wards visited Holbeach Hospital, Hol-beach Lincolnshire. beach. Lincolnshire.

Her Royal Highness larer opened the new premises of Nursery Supplies | Bournet Ltd. Spalding Road. Bourne. | Lincolnshire.

ST JAMES'S PALACE April Zi: The Ouke of Kent this morning visited Cheshine and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshine (Mr William Bromley Daven-

port).

His Royal Highness then officially opened Business Connections 99 exhibition, at the Burtonwood Arena, War-

rington.
The Duke of Kent later officially opened the Auto Quest Stadium, Widnes His Royal Highness this afternoon His Royal Highness this afternoon officially opened the Millennium Learning Centre at Priestley Sixth Form & Community College, Warrington.

The Oule of Kent, Grand President, United Grand Lodge of England, this evening attended a dinner in honour of the Grand Master of Sweden, at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. London.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 27: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Own Rayal Border Regiment, this afternoon visited Bour-lon Barracks, Catterick, Garrison, to meet families of soldiers from the Regiment and from 5 Regiment Royal Artillery who are involved in the current

### Lord Denning, OM

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Denning will be held in Westminster Abbey at form on Thursday, June 17. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 17. The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westmin-ster Abbey, London, SWIP 3PA. Tickets will be posted by June 3. All are welcome to apply for tickets. There will be a retiring Collection for the benefit of the Denning Fund which assists in funding the training of Barristers. Those unable to arrend may wish to make a donation to: The Appeals Secretary, The Denning Fund, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2A 3TL

### Sir Robin Dent,

A service of thanksgiving for the ife of Sir Robin Dent will be held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, SW3, at noon on Thursday. May

**George Ross Goobey** A memorial service to celebrate the life of George Henry Ross Goobey will be held on May 20, 1999, at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London, EC2, at 11.30am. Birthdays today Lady Helen Taylor celebrates her 35th birthday today. Mr P.T. Bateman, executive chair

man, Robert Fleming Asset Man-agement, 53: Mr Ian Beer, former agement, 55: Wr fair beer, furner Head Master, Harrow School, 68: Professor Hugh Bentali, cardiac surgeon, 79; Mr Edward Bonnor-Maurice, former chairman, Briosh Hurse Society, 71; Mr Mike Brear-ley, cricketer and psychoanalyst, 57; Baroness Carnegy of Lour, 74; Sir Ivor Cohen, former chairman, Remplay, 68; Mr A.J. Colvin, Computation of London, 52; Commandan Elizabeth Craig-McFeely, former director, WRNS, 72; Mr Duane Eddy, guitarist, 61: Mr Tony Ford, director, Crafts Council, 61: Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zam-bia, 75; Professor Nicola LeFanu. composer, 52; Sir John Leonard, former High Court judge, 73; Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, 75; Dr M.D. Longfield, former diseases Teesside Polytechnic, 71; Mr John Madejski, former chairman, Hurst Publishing, 58; Mr William Mood-ie, former Chief Constable, Fife, 68; Sir Dai Rees, FRS, former chie

executive, Medical Research Council, 63; Dr Jeffrey Tate, conductor, 56: Mr.J.L. Thorn, former Headmas ter, Winchester College, 74; Mr Garry Weston, chairman, Associated British Foods, 72: Mrs Helen Williams, former High Mistress. St Paul's Girls' School, 61: Mr Ken-neth Williams, Chief Constable. Norfolk, 55.



The judges take a close look at a display of geraniums at the Royal Horticultural Society show at Westminster yesterday

### Duke puts on a rare display of favourite plants

BY ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

JIM LINK, the head gardener at Chats-worth, Derbyshire, is retiring in September after 50 years service with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Ian Webster, with 27 years' service at Chatsworth, will then be

heading the gardening team.

To celebrate these changes, the duke and duchess have staged a display of plants grown in the Chatsworth greenhouses at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show. These plants are used at the house for decoration and include many of the duke's favourites such as camellias, orchids, gardenias, tender lavenders and Pamianthe peruviana, an evergreen bulb with white, very fragrant flowers, somewhat resembling those of daffodils.

This is a rare opportunity to see this private collection, last staged at Westminster len years ago, as the Chatsworth greenhouses are not open to the public.
The show, which opened in Westminster yesterday, also features a large exhibit of

The Prince of Wales will open the Dudley Stationery Distribution Centre, holders of the Prince of Wales's Warrant, at Crown Close, Wick Lane, Bow, London E3. The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England, will attend the annual Investiture at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London SW2 at 3.15, and will attend the Grand Festival

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dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 6.15. Princess Alexandra, Deputy Honor-

Yeomanry at the Duke of York's

Headquarters, London SW3. For more details about the Royal

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hybrid rhododendrons. Such displays of rhododendrons are usually reserved for shows such as Chelsea, so this gold medal collection, staged by Knaphill and Slowcock Nurseries, of Knaphill, Surrey, is particularly welcome at this event. Il features many hybrids bred at the nurseries, such as "Ripe Corn" in corn yellow, lightly finted pink and cream, pink and lime green "Greensleeves" both superb recent introductions raised by Oliver Slowcock.

Two national plant collections are fea-tured at the show, Brenda Hyatt, of Bluebell Hill, Kent, is showing part of the national collection of show auriculas (green, grey and white edged). Apart from gems from the past, the exhibit also highlights the recent breeding work of Tim Coop, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, a top exhibitor at auricula shows and a gifted breeder. Mr Coop specialises in fancy green, grey and white edged show auriculas and is producing hybrids in beautiful and unusual colour

The National Council for the Conserva-tion of Plants and Gardens of RHS Garden,

Wisley, Surrey, is showing part of the national collection of narcissus ar daffodils. The exhibit shows the work of many outstanding daffodil breeders from the past and present, and illustrates how the daffodil has improved over the years. One of the oldest on display is "White Lady", pre-1897; one of the newest is "Ballyrobert", a deep yellow trumpet daffodil introduced in 1991.

Other gold medallists are Dibleys of Ruthin, Denbighshire (showing streptocarpus) and Southfield Nurseries, of Morton.

Lincolnshire (showing flowering cach). Several competitions are being held with the show. In the RHS main rhododendran competition, Mr Edmund de Rothschild, of Exhury Gardens, Hampshire, has won the Lionel de Rothschild Challenge Cup for six species, the Roza Stevenson Challenge Cup for a species, first prize for six hybrids fincluding the Exbury-raised, yellow Hawk "Crest") and the Crosfield Challenge Cup for three hybrids raised in the exhibitor's garden (including yellow "Jessica de Roth-schild"). Brian Wright, of Crowborough. East Sussex, has won the McLaren Chal-

lenge Cup for a species, and the Loder Challenge Cup for a hybrid. In the RHS ornamental plants competition, the Earl and Countess of March. of Goodwood Estate. West Sussex, have won first prize for four different flowering shrubs.

Mr Brian S. Duncan, of Omagh, Co
Tyrone, has fared well in the RHS late
daffodil competition, winning the John Lea

trophy for 12 cultivars bred by the exhibitor. and the Devonshire Trophy for 12 cultivars.

Anna Ware, of Dorchester, Dorset, has on the Walter Blom Trophy for nine blues in the RHS tulip competition.

To the Royal National Rose Society's spring competition, Mrs Gerta Gray, of Little Barney, Norfolk, has won the prize for

best specimen bloom with large-flowered "Sunderland Supreme". The best plant in the Bonsai Kai competition is a 20-year old multi-stemmed Acer palmatum (Japanese maple), sbown by

Mr Colin Ellis, of London The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

> dinner of the Old Mercers' Club held last night at Mercers' Hall. Mr G.C.E. Spowling, president, Mr I.J. Hiscock

### was in the chair.

NADFAS Lord Montagu of Beaulieu gave the NADFAS lecture which was chaired by Dr Timothy Clifford, President of NADFAS, on April 27, at Kensington Town Hall, Dame Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, a Vice-President of NADFAS, presented the NADFAS Media awards. At the

### Newspaper Conference Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM,

speaker at a luncheon of the Newspaper Conference held vesterday at Bloomsbury House, London. Mr Paul Linford, chairman of the conference, presided.

DEATHS

### Forthcoming: marriages .

AIR COM!

Mr R.H. Annan and Miss I.C. Barlow The engagement is announced between Richard Heath, son of Mr John Douglas Annan, of Zimbabwe and of Mrs Patricia Holroyd, of South Africa, and Imogen Clare daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Barlow, of Siebech, Pembrokeship

Mr B.J. Atkinson

and Miss D.M. Chapman The engagement is announced between Benjamin John, elder Stin. of Mr and Mrs John Atkinson, of. Haconby, Lincolnshire, and Deborah Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Chapman, of Billingborough, Lincolnshire.

Mr J-N. Evans Lombe and Miss R.L. Martell The engagement is announced between James-Nicholas, elder son

of Mr and Mrs Peter Evans Lombe, of Roydon, Norfolk, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Martell, of Shorley Bridge, Northumberland. Mr S.J. Goaman and Miss L.C. Nutley

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Goaman, of Elmscott Farm, Hartland, Devon. and Lucy, younger daughter of Mi and Mrs Michael Nutley, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr F.C. Hawkings-Byass and Mrs L.E. Milburn The engagement is announced between Frederick, son of Mr John

Hawkings-Byass, of East Peckham, Kent, and Mrs Julie Hawkings-Byass, of Si Mary Bourne, Hampshire, and Louise, daughter of Mr Derek Richards and the late Mrs Richards, of Hoxne, Suffolk, Mr J.E.S. Hickman

and Miss A.L. Aves The engagement is announced between Edward, son al Ma Jeremy Hickman, of Upper Onibury, Shropshire, and Mrs Rosemary Hickman of Saddlebow, Herefordshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Aves, of Putney, London,

Mr J.W.D. Hobro and Miss C.E. Roberts and Miss C.E. Roberts
The engagement is announced between James William Douglas, only son of Mr Andre Hobro and Mrs Elisabeth Hobra, both of Coventry, and Clare Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan

Roberts, of Cheltenham. The Rev M.M. Miller

and Miss L.M. Hargreaves The engagement is announced the engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr David Miller, of Johanneshurg, South Africa, and Mrs Joan Rhys-James, of Worthing, Sussex, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hargreaves, of Canterbury, Kent Canterbury, Kent.

Marriages

and Miss S.C. Baird The marriage took place on Saturday, April 24, 1999, at St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. of Mr Ian Hiscock, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Hiscock, of Broadstone, Poole, to Miss Susan Baird. daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger The bride, who was given in

was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honey moon is being spent abroad.

and Miss V.S.M. Smith The marriage look place on Salurday, April 24, 1999, at All Saints Church, Fulham, of Mr Andrew Tarr to Miss Vanessa Smith.

A reception was held at The Duke of York's Barracks, Kings

TRADE; 0171 481 1982

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BOURNE-ARTON - On 22nd April to Richard and Daphno the precious gift

CLIFTON - On April 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Peta tote Beard; and Ivo. a son, Honry IHarry! Robert Stuart Bligh.

DIXON - On April 26th 1999, to Clare (nee Bertram) and William, e daughter.

FLOE - On Aoril 17th of The Abigail and Chad, twin sons, Nicholas and Cameron, brothers for

Sophie and Tom. a son.

Devid and Marian (nec Eastert 8 son Richard Glenz, a brother for Androw. Jimmy and

HALL - On April 23rd at the Mayday Hospital but cared for at The Portland Hospital, 10 Andrea (née Kupferman) and David, ( daughter, Isabel Evo.

HOLMES - On April 20th 1999 to Catherine Inée Whittakeri and Peter, a daughter, Madeldine Rose Hanby.

### DEATHS

LYKIARDOPULO - On April 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra Inée Goulandrisi and Michael, a daughter, Marine Evdokie, a sister MYHRE - Oo 22nd April, in Boston Massachusetts, to Kim and Susanna, a wondorful daughter, Charlotto Georgia, a sister

or Jake. ior Jake.

NORTHWOOD - Oo April
23rd 1999, to Annabel (née
Thomas) and Christopher.
a son. Alexander James, s
brother for Christian and
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ROSSITER - On 22nd April
1999 to Solly thee Tuffi
and Nigel, a son, Jonah
Edward, o brother for Jack
and Sam. SHURMAN - On 13th April 1999 to Julia (née Bainbridge) and Oanlel, a son, Thomas William. aon, Thomas William. WEBB-JOHNSON - On 25th April 1999 to Adrian and Susan thée MacDonaldi o Boston, USA, a daughter, Sadic Jane.

YEAGLE - On April 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Liss and James, a daughter, Ollvia Anne. DEATHS

ACTON - Charles, April 22nd 1999, Into of The Irish Times, died peacefully at Station, Dublin 18, in the Station, Dunin 18, in the care of Carol bia loving wife for 48 years. Burled in bis family graveyard at Dunganstown, Co Wicklow on Tuesday 27th April, Iwo days after his 85th birthday. If music be tha food of love, ploy on

on April 25th 1999.
Requiem Mass at St Marya
Church, Cedogan Street,
London SW3 on Mooday
May 10th at 12.00pm. No flowers by request Donations may be sent to the Stroke Association, c/o Mears and Cotterill, 169
Merton Road London SW18 5EF. Enquiries to Charles Phillips on 0181 567 6663.

Friday 14th May at 12

Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EE.

BRANFORD - Henrictta Diana Primrose Longstaff celebrated children's author, 53, died of breast cancer peacefully at home wilb her husband and three children on April 23rd 1999. Private cremation. All welcome to attend celebration and reflection on her life and

Southampton, 5.30 pm Tnesday May 4th 1999. No flowers. Donations to Wessex Cancer Trust or Wester Cancer Frust or Oxfam, c/o Co-operative Funeral Home. The Lawns 461 Butts Road, Sholing, Southampton, tal: 101703) 448322.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

### services Lady (Gweneth) Cook

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Cook was held on April 21 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Fakenham. The Rev Alan Bell, Rector of Fakenham, officialed, assisted by the Rev Alan Greenhough. Rector of the Guist group of churches, and the Rev Hugh Edsell, Chaplain, Order of Si John. Mr Andrew Scott gave an Standard Bearers from the

Women's Section the Royal British Legion provided a guard of hon-Members of the family and friends from every generation and

representatives from St John Ambulance, the Royal British Lexion. the Harriers and Bengles Association, the North Norfolk Harriers. Fakenham Festival of Music and Art and the North Norfolk Conservative Association, were among those present.

Mr George Murcell A memorial service for the life of Mr George Murcell, actor and artiste, was held yesterday at Si Paul's, Covent Garden, Canon John Hester, Southern area Chaplain of the Actor's Church Union.

Mr Joseph O'Connor read the lesson. Mr James Hayes read the Seven Ages of Man. Ms Margarel Wolfil read from the works of John Donne and Miss Rosemary Leach also gave a reading. Fear no more the heat of the sun was arranged Hey! Ho! the wind and the rain was sung by Mr Michael Sadler. Sir Stephen Turnim and Mr Ian

Flintoff gave addresses.

Members of the family, friends and former colleagues were among those present.

Lord Kingsdown, KG, Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, and Lady Kingsdown were present at the service of thanksgiving for the life of the Earl of Guilford held on Monday in Dover.

### Dinners

Insurers' Company Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, accompanied by Lady Marshall, was the principal guest al an Insurers' Company dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Peter H. Purchon, Master, assisted by Mr Michael Pickard and Mr Dieter Losse, Wardens. was the host.

Engineers' Company Mr Richard Rooley, Master of the Engineers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, Dr LJ. Weaver, Mr A.G. Jackson and Mr R.J.R. Cousins, presided and presented the company awards for engineer ing excellence and achievement a the installation dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Alderman Clive Martin also

Old Mercers' Club

The Upper Warden, the House Warden and the Renter Warden of the Mercers' Company were the principal guests at the annual

ing, the following officers were elected:

Luncheon

was the guest of honour and

Balrd, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol. marriage by her father, was attended by Liz Norman and Frankie Sears. Mr Manhew Jones

Mr A.D. Tarr

### BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

## Some friends doo't help, but a true friend is closer than your own family. Proverbs 18.24 (CEV).

AMBEKAR - On April 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Carol (née Bourke) and

BLAKE/BERRYMAN - Oo April 12th 1999 in London to Saffron Berryman and James 1/3031 Blake, a soo, River Tyler Saeha Blake. of a son. George Willia Kidman, o brother lor

ore proud to announce the birth of their son, Oliver James on 21st April.

Hilary, Christins and Alexandra GEORGE - On April 20th, to Noel Anthony Child.

ALLEN - Henry Gregory of Ebury Street, London SW1 Stuari.

ADDISON - Wendy Blyth. On April 27th died peacefully. Beloved mother of Jill and Michael, Funeral at 3.00pm, Friday 7th May at Old Alresford Church.

AMBN - Patricia Ann Inée Fortescuoi died on Saturday 17th April peacefully at home. Loved Mother of James, Pani and Mark. Service of Thank service of Thankagiving will take place at St Mary's Church, Bishops Cannings, near Devizes, Wiltshire on Friday 14th 2

ATCHESON - Audrie, who died peacefully, oo 25th April 1999, after o short illness. Beloved wifs of Ferdio and mother of Tony, Foneral: Friday 30th April, 12 noon, Ali Saints, Luddington, Stratford-upor-Avon. Donations to National Canine Defence League c/o AE Bennett & Sens, 34 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon

work at Southampion Art Gallery, Civic Cantre, Southampton, 5.30 pm

BARBER FLEMING Suddenly after a short
illness on Friday 23rd
April 1999 Anthooy John
(Touy), dearly loved
husband of Val, 8 loving
father of Victoria and
Tom, also a much loved
zon of Margie and the late
Touy Barber-Fleming.
Service of Thanksgiving in
Kincardina-io-Mentelth
Parish Church,
Blairdrummond by

BARBER FLEMING -

Blairdrummond by Stirling, today Wednesday 28th April at 2 pm.

RUNSDON - Maria B.Ed.
M.A., Deputy
Headteacher, on 21st April
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courageous hottle with
cancer. Cearly beloved
wife of Paul, much loved
daughter of Salvatore and
Giuseppe, sister of
Maddalena and Teresa and
aunt to Laura and
Catherine. She will be
greatly missed. Requiem
Mass at Si John the
Baptisi's Church, Kemp RUNSDON - Maria B.Ed. Baptisis Church, Kemp Town, Brighton on Thursday 29th April at 10am, followed by cremation al Woodvale.

CHAMBERS - Peter, of Caldy peacefully at Murrayfield Hospital, Wirral nn April 28th 1999. Beloved 20th 1999. Seleved husband of Dorothy, dear father of Gillian and Paul and loving grandfather of Philip, Andrew and Emma. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at and friends. Service at Landican Crematorium. Wirral at 2pm, Thursday April 29th. Family flowers only, Donallons in his memory to Claire House, c/o Quinns F/S. Wirral. CH48 4EF. Tel 0151 625 5274.

Flowers or donations to Imperial Cancer Research

Fund c, o Attree & Kenl, 108 Church Road, Hove, tel: 1012731 821985.

## PERSONAL COLUMN

CLANCY - Gerard on February 1st in London. Funeral Mass at the Servite Priory Church. Folham Road SW10 at Folham Koad Swit at 10.00 am on Thursday 6th May followed by burial in Brompton Cemetery. Flowers to Chelsen F/D, 280b Fulham Road, tel 0171 352 0008.

COCKRUL-On April 24th after a short illness william Ross Cockrill F.R.C.V.S., Doc. Vet. Med. (Zurich), M.R.C.V.S., formerly of F.A.O., Rome. Loving husband, father and grandfather. Cremation 1 pm Lewishem Crematorium, Friday April 30th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Salvation Army c/o F. Chappell & Sons. Fucoral Directors, 4 Lee High Road, London SE13 5LQ.

COOKE - On 24th April suddenly at home Terence R.F., beloved husband of Pamels and father of Sarah and Simon, Funeral service at Chichester Cromatorium Jpm Wednesday 5th May. Family flowers only or donations if desired to The National Asthma Campaign, c/o Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY.

DARMADY - On 24th April 1999 peacefully at her daughter's home, Mary, beloved willouf the late Professor Michael Processor Michael
Darmady and wonderful
mother to John, Judith and
Serah and grandmother to
Peter, Flone, Simon and
Lucy, Privata cremation.
Interment and Interment and
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Mary's, Compton,
Chichester on Tuesday, 4th
May at 3.30 pm. Family
flowers but denations to
the Ungurent Orphanage
Trust (Romania) would be
much appreciated.

de BOER - Anthony Peter
C.B.E. peacefully after a
long illness patiently
beroom 24th April 1899
aged 80 years. Dearly
loved husband of Pam.
devoted father to Chris
and grandfather to Saily
and Niki. Funeral Service
at Woodvale Cramatorium,
Brighton on Tuesday 4th
May at 11.30 am. Family
flowers only but donations
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sent to Bowley Funeral
Service. 30 Keymer Road,
Hassocks, West Sussex
BN6 EAN. Tel: 01273
841711.

ENNEY - Gillian May, on DENNEY - Gillian May, on April 22nd pescefully at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, after her brave fight against cancer. Dearly loved wile of Cordon, and loving mother of the late Jonathan, who will be greatly missed by many. The funeral service will take pisce at All Saints Church, Woodham Inr. Six Cressroads om May 4th at 1 pm. Donations, if I pm. Donations, if desired, to the Cancer Research Campaign s/e Woking Funeral Service, 119/121 Goldsworth Road

DICKINSON - Neal Dickinson MBE of Stanley, Co. Durbam, on 15th April aged 68 years. Beloved busbood of Jacqueline, a dear father and groudfather and much loved by all the family. Friands please meel for service in Kyo Laws Methodist Church, Co. Durham, on Friday 30th April at 1.45 pm, lollowed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium, Dipton, No flowers by request Nowers by request, donations in lieu to N.C.H. Action for Children c/o Mr David Forster. Fines House, Annield Plain, Stanley, Co. Durham OHS 8QU.

Woking Surrey GU21 ILR, tel: (01483) 772266.

EDWARDS - John Lionel, Suddenly on 33rd April 1999, at thoage of 83. Beloved husband of the lata Cecily Edwards (née Miller); father of Julia. Rosemary and Christopher; grandfather of Ellie, Max, Olivia, Harry, Thomas and Susanna, Funeral at St Susanna. Funeral at St. Nicholas Church. Pyrford at 12 noon on Friday 30th April; flowers to C. Boutal & Son. 50 High Road, Byfleet (01932 345037), or donations if desired to Oxfam.

GBBONS - John Robert
Pelham M.B.E. T.O.
F.R.C.S. P.C.C.P. Died oo
the 23rd April. St Georges
Day at St Thomas:
Hospital, Westminster.
Much loved husband,
father, grandfather,
brother, uncle and Iriend.
Family luoeral. A
memorial service to be
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Thoracic Research Fuod.
The Royal Victoria
Hospital, Belfast or The Hospital, Belfast or The Royal Airborne Forces Trust, Aldershot, 'A Surgeon and Soldier, he loved to heal thohurts and the bearts of the children

of men."
GREEN - The Reverend
Canon Dennis John, on
21st April at his home, The
Black Hostelry, Ely,
Husband of Sylvis and
much loved father of
Judith and Carolino.
Funeral at Ely Cathedral
today Wardroaden. "Sth. today, Wednesday 28th
April at 145 pm.
Donations, if desired, to
the Cathedral Office, Ely
Cathedral.

Cathedral.

GREG - Or. Alexander died pencefully after a long lilness on 25th April 1999, widower of the lata Janetta Catherine Margaret Inée Boeth, much loved father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral Service to be held at the United Reformed Church United Reformed Church. United Reformed Church. Upminster, Essex on Wednesday 5th May 1999 at 12 soon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to R.N.L.L c/o B.F. Mulley & Son tel. (01708) 220330.

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HALLAM - Reg Hallam, Group Captain RAF (ret'd), aged 62, died suddenly at homo Su 25th April, Beloved 25th April. Beloved husband of Alwyne, adored lather of Louise and James and son-in-law Tim. Adored grandfather of Megan and Georgina. Sadly very much missed. Funeral service at All Saints Church Fleet. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Fleet, Hampshire on Wednesday 5th May at 2.00pm. Donations (if desired), to The British Heart Foundation c/o Goddard Ltd F/D, Kent Road, Fleet. 01252 616431.

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HANCOCK - Gorald Edward, poscefully on April 25th at Trembaths Nursing Home, Letchworth, in his 98th year. Loving and much loved Husband of Dians for 54 happy years. Devoted Father of John and Sue, deer Grandad and Compah of Rachel, Nicola, Josh, Oavid and Mark. Much respected Pather-in-law of Vic and Barbara. Thanksgiving Service at Harwood Park Cremetorium, Stevenage, Herts. at 11.45 am on Salurday 1st May. Family

Salurday 1st May. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for Kosovo Reliof c/o E.H. Crouch, 52 Station Road, Letchworth Herts. tel: 101462/632868. HARGREAVES - Derek Burtt, rettred Chairman SISIS Equipment [Macclesfield) Ltd., on 24th April aged

HILL - Dr. John Arthur Hill passed sway peacefully on 22nd April 1999 at Fallowfield Nursing Home, Bromley, formerly of Shortlands, Bromley. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 4th May nt Beckenham Crematorium 2.30 pm. Donations to R.S.P.C.A. c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High Street, Bromley, BR1 1NZ, tel: 10181) 460-1720.

HUNT - Anthony Patrick on 26th April at Sutton Manor, Sutton Scotney. Much loved husband of Joan and stepfather of Isin. Thenkagiving Service to be arranged. No flowers but donations to Naomil House Childrens Hospice, Sutton Scotney.

LONSDALE - Commander
The Rev'd Canon Rupert
(Lonsdale) R.N. Rrd on
Sunday 25th April aged 94
years. Husband of Ethné
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Cremation, Bournemouth
Crematorinm at 12.30 7th
May. No flowers please,
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Suhmarino Centennial Submarino Centennial Appeal, c/o R.N. Submarine Museum,

MARRIOTT - Jean (née
Carley), beloved wife of
William, died suddenly but
pescefully oo 20th April
1999, Will be sadily missed
by all her family. Funeral
service at Berton Parish
Church, Cambridgeshire
on Friday 30th April at 12
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McCREA - Sir William
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father of Roderick, Isabel
and Shella and belond and Sheila, and beloved and oneiga, and beloved grandfather. Private cremation. Memorial service date to be announced. No flowers, donotions if wished to R.N.I.B. or Macmillan Nurses, c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewee, Tel 01273 475557.

MRIAN - On 24th April 1999
peacefully nt St Barnahas
Hospice, Marguerite.
Much loved mother of
Susan and Shella. Loved
hy son-in-law Tim and
Yleani and grand children
Thomas Anderse Yianni and grand children Thomas, Andrew, Artenis. Jocasta. Thyone and Maximillian. Sadly missed by her many good friends and all the family. Service at St Columba's Church. St Michaels Road, Worthing on Friday, 30th April at 3.00pm lollowed by cremation. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to St Barnahas Hospice, c/o H. O. Tribe Lid. 259 Goring Road, Worthing. Telephono Worthing, Tele 01903 249913.

MOLLOY - Passed-away
peacefully in his sleep oo
26th April 1999 at his
home, Edward. Tha loving
hushand ol Muriel, a dear
father of Micheol Edward,
special grandad of Harry
Thomas Edward, a dear
father-in-law of Wendy
and a beloved hrother. He
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Beloved husband of Joyce, father of Reger and Jonathan, and grandlather. A wonderful man who loved life, he will be much missed by all his family and friends. Squadron Leader Moore served his country with pride in WW3 and was mentioned in despatches. three times. Funeral at Beckenham Cremotorium. Elmers End at 1 pm on ... Tuesday 4th May. Family ...
flowers only. Donations 12, the RAF Benevolent Fund. c/o Francis Chappell, 238—High Street, Beckenham...
Tol. 0181 550 0304. MUSMAN - Chioè (née Holland) on April 25th in C Oxford after a short illness. Beloved mother of Melanie and Rosalind and grandmother of Tam, Lenny, Laura, Michael and Ewan, Funeral at Oxford

Crematorium, 1s1 May at 11.30am.
O'CONNOR - Patricia Jeanetto (née Stuart). beloved wifoof the late Surgeon Captain Rory
O'Connor RN and mother of Caroline, Gabrielle, Sean, Piers and the late Sean. Piets and the late Dermot. Oied peacefully at on 26th April 1999 after a long and brave fight against cancer. Funeral to be at St Thomas Church. Ryiston Road, Fulham at 12 once on Friday 30th. April. Family flowers only. Oonstions to Cancer Research. And the second of the second entral base of back Andrew Leading and the second of the second o

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### AIR COMMODORE J. M. N. PIKE

Air Commodore J. M. N. Pike, CB, DSO, DFC. wartime bomber and Coastal Command pilot, died on March 23 aged 83. He was born nn February 8, 1916.

IN A wartime career during which he flew 189 operational sorties. Jimmie Pike was airborne almost from first to last. His war took him from North Sea reconnaissance to the Ethiopian campaign, back to Britain to try to counter the threat from the battlecruisers Schamhorst and Gneisenau and south again to protect Malta convoys, before he was finally posted to the Azores where he flew antisubmarine sorties during the Battle of the Atlantic. The aircraft he flew ranged from Sunderland reconnaissance flying boats through ground attack Beaufighters to Flying Fortresses. James Maitland Nicholson

Pike was educated at Stowe and then taught for a year at a preparatory school before gong to Cranwell, where he won both the Sword of Honour and the King's Medal. At the outbreak of war he was in Coastal Command, patrolling the North Sea in Ansons, but by the autumn of 1940 he found himself flying Blenheim bombers in support of Briosh forces grappling with the Italians in British Somaliland.

In February 1941 he had a close shave when, after destroying a fighter and three bombers on the ground in two low-level attacks on an airfield in Ethiopia, he was assailed by a fighter which had survived his first bombing run

and taken off in pursuit. His aircraft was severely damaged by the fighter's machineguns. but he managed to limp back to his base at Aden on one engine and make a belly-

landing, without injury to his crew. For this he won his DFC. Back in England, he was appointed a flight commander. in 236 (Beaufighter) Squadron. One of his tasks was reconnaissance of Brest harbour, where the German battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau



were sheltering under heavy flak defences. When he returned to base with a detailed account of the disposition of the ships and harbour defences he was rebuked for not having attacked a flak ship which had opened fire on him. Pike protested that he had been sent to bring back intelligence, not to risk his aircraft and crew in duels with heavily armed opponents.

Nevertheless, to oblige the fiery spirit of his armchair superiors, on a second visit to Brest he did take on the flak ship, raking it with his four

20mm cannon but getting badly shot up himself in the process — only to be rebuked by another senior officer for needlessly risking his aircraft. In Malta in 1942, Pike was

engaged in protecting convoys and attacking German ship-ping He also led a series of devastating attacks on the Italian Air Force on the ground at its bases in Sardinia. On one occasion he led a four-aircraft section which destroyed 30 enemy planes in a single sortie. This earned him the DSO. He ended the war in command of 220 Squad-ton, flying American B17 Flying Fortresses on antisubmarine patrols from bases made available by the Portuguese in the Azores. He was mendoned in dispatches three times.

Among his postwar appointments was a period as commanding officer of RAF Kuala Lumpur at the time of the communist insurrection in Malaya. This won him a fourth mention in dispatches. He went on to be one of the two directors of intelligence at the Ministry of Defence and then Director of Security (RAF) in 1964.

After retiring from the RAF in 1969 he joined Naval Intelli-gence, where he worked for nine years. Pike was a keen vachisman and a fine game shot and fisherman.

His marriage in 1942 to Betty Dell was dissolved. In 1955 he married Paula Hellard, who died in 1971. He married, thirdly, Dorothy Dawson, who died in 1994. He is survived by a daughter of his first marriage and by a son of his second.

### PROFESSOR DAVID DAUBE

Professor David Daube. biblical and legal scholar, died on February 24 aged 90. He was born on February 8, 1909.

DAVID DAUBE'S 65th birthday was honoured by three Festschrifts, respectively by Roman lawyers. Jewish and Oriental lawyers, and New Testament scholars, reflecting the wide scope of his work.

David Daube was born in Freiburg im Breiseau in Germany, where he went to school and at university took up the krudy of legal history. He came to England as a Jewish refugee and obtained a position at Cambridge, where in 1935 he was elected a fellow of Gonville and Caius College. During the war he served on committees working for the evacuation of schools and hospitals, and with the return of peace, he became a univer-

sity lecturer in Roman law. Always interested in biblical studies, he was attracted by the Cambridge tradition of co-operation between Jews and Christians in the study of Christian origins. His contributions to the New Testament seminar run by Professor J. H. Dodd were erudite, subtle and illuminating, as time and again he persuasively questioned old assumptions. In 1947 he published his Studies in Biblical Law.

In 1951 he became the first Professor of Jurisprudence at Aberdeen, where the breadth of his scholarship, his enthusi-asm and the gaiety of his personality gained him immense popularity. In 1955 he became Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford, where he made a considerable impact on undergraduates, his witty allusions and calculated indiscretions being somehow enhanced by his unusual accent. In 1970 he moved to the

School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, becoming curator of the Robbins Collection in Jewish and Roman Law. In his years there he became a well-loved figure. and he is remembered by hundreds as the charming eccentric foreign gentleman who strode alone each dawn and dusk, hands clasped behind him and head down, through two miles of the least gentle streets of San Francisco to and from the Berkeley bus: who befriended the student insurgents during the days of the Free Speech Movement

and then spent hours in the espresso houses talking and playing chess with students or sitting alone scribbling in a dog-eared notebook.

So great was his appeal to the young that his lectures in Roman law - a subject that had long fallen into desuetude in America - were filled to capacity. And so immediate was his warmth to all that admiring waiters and waitresses periodically feted him with parties of ice-cream and sweets. During these turbulent years in Berkeley, he turned to themes of contemporary import, as in Civil Disobedience in Antiquity (1972) and his articles on such subjects as "Biblical Landmarks in the

Struggle for Women's Rights". His output was enormous, but sadly dispersed through periodicals and Festschrifts. Invitations to lecture on biblical studies, however, made him organise his material more effectively in, for in-stance. The New Testament and Rabbinic Judaism (1956). He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1957.

He is survived by his second wife, Helen Smelser, whom he married in 1986, and by three sons from an earlier marriage.

### **CONRAD DIXON**

Conrad Dixon. policeman, died on April 13 aged 72. He was born on January 27, 1927.

ne of the most colourful characters in the intelligence world, Conrad Dixon pioneered special operations intended to frustrate the threat from subversive and terrorist organisations. As Detective Chief Superintendent Dixon, he was founder and leader of the so-called "Scruffy Squad", which was active against anti-state elements in the 1960s and 1970s. Conrad Hepworth Dixon

was born into an Army family and educated at Bishop Words worth's School, Salisbury, and at St Peter's Hall, Oxford. He joined the Royal Marines at the end of the war and was commissioned. On demobilisation he took a job with a football pools company, but a bizarre sequence of events brought him into the Metropol-itan Police. He received a letter out of

the blue saying that under the postwar Control of Engagement Order he was to leave the gambling industry forthwith and report to the Labour Exchange for more useful employment. There a dour clerk gave him two alternatives: the mines or the police. Joining the Metropolitan Po-lice looked the lesser evil, although at the time policing was an ill-paid, poorly regarded job, mainly for the strong and not-too-bright.

A fortnight later, at an office in Beak Street, Dixon was given a certificate of exemption from all educational tests, and ushered naked into a small room. A man in a white coat came and stared at his lower half, examined his feet, and went wordlessly away. Shortly afterwards Dixon was transferred to Special Branch.

There he specialised in anarchists, Trotskyites and anarcho-syndicalists. His moment came in 1968 when, after unrest in Paris and amid mounting international protests about the Vietnam War, there were fears that London



was to be the next focus of discontent. Dixon was sent for and asked what he would need to gather top-grade information about the would-be revolu-tionaries. "Twenty men," he replied, "half a million pounds and a free hand." Officers from the Scruffy

Squad were moulded and shaped into a variety of convincing revolutionary guises, with the appropriate political knowledge, and infiltrated into local groups. Dixon led from the front, and when the London School of Economics was occupied by revolting students, he was first up the steps and - in text-book style - promptly took charge of the telephone exchange so as to control communication with the press.

On the day of the big demonstration in October 1968, he advised that thin lines of police invited a charge, whereas grouping in side streets meant that any attack on the police would involve a

this capacity she tackled a

departure from the route of the march to Grosvenor Square. This policy worked, and with confrontation re-

duced there was a gradual loss of enthusiasm. A thousand people, skirmished with the police at the American Embassy, but most of the putative anarchists ate their sandwiches in Hyde Park and went home by bus. Dixon's skills were next

called upon in Wales, where the Free Wales Army was setting off minor explosions and was reported to be taking lessons from the IRA. The separatists were soon alarmed by the penetration of their groupuscles, and even produced a poster about the danger, which appeared on a host of telegraph poles. It showed a listening figure at a mountain crossroads, with the caption "Dixon's Secret Police in Wales". Before long the principal bomb-maker and his assistant were arrested, and

Despite his part in suppressing it, however, Dixon understood the cause of the Welsh discontent. It was due, he said, to neglect of the Principality, where it was widely believed that the Aberian disaster would never have happened had the coal trp been on the outskirts of Highgare.

Back in London, Dixon

headed the intelligence unit that investigated the Angry Brigade — a group of mainly middle-class terrorists who were planting bombs and preaching an ano-capitalist creed. Dixon identified two weakness: they lived in communes, with considerable contact with other revolutionartes, and they financed their activides by cheque and creditcard fraud.

He was present at an East End commune when a battered German-registered car pulled up outside and a nervous girl got out and ran away. He ordered the seizure of the car and had it taken to pieces. In a sealed compartment were dozens of left-luggage locker keys, and the lockers turned out to contain cheque books and details of the organisation. Convictions followed.

In 1973, Dixon was strongly urged to "go straight" by training to be a Chief Constable at Bramshill Police College, but he was not prepared to sit behind a desk and so left the service to work as a writer and academic.

He took a degree at Exeter University, followed by a doctorate on the working conditions of merchant seamen. He went on to write extensively about the work of lascars and engineers, crimps and naval officers, and often appeared at maritime history conferences. A keen sailor, he spent three

months every year cruising the coasts of Europe in a much-cherished ketch. He also wrote a dozen books for yachtsmen. The first of them remained in print for 30 years, while the last explained the mysteries of the electronic Global Positioning System. He is survived by his wife. Winifred, and by their son and

### **SIR ROSS BELCH**

Sir Ross Belch, CBE, industrialist, died on March 26 aged 78. He was born nn December 13, 1920.

FOR more than 40 years Ross Belch was at the centre of Scottish shipbuilding, ever ready to defend Britain's inter-ests in a period which saw the virtual collapse of the domesoc industry. He was one of the last great figures of shipbuild-ing on the Clyde Alexander Ross Belch was

born in London, where his father was secretary of the Shipbuilding Employers Federanion. His first visit to a shipyard was in 1934 to witness the launch of the Queen Mary from John Brown's yard at Clydebank, Belch was sent to board at Morrison's Academy, and proceeded to study navai architecture at Glasgow Uni-

versity, where he took a first. He began his career in 1938 as an apprentice in the Fairfield yard at Govan, where he soon became known as an innovator both in shipbuilding methods and in industrial relations, a traditionally prickly thicket, where his diplo-

macy was a great asset. He rose to be managing director first of Lithgows in Port Glasgow and later of the Scott Lithgow Group in Greenock, and was valued not least for his salesmanship. He tirelessly sought out new orders, even when there was a dearth of work in yards all over Europe. By 1964 he was warning of the increasing threat from Japanese shipbuilders, conceding "If we paid out nothing in wages at Lithgows then we might just about beat the Japanese price level." Nevertheless, when other British companies were struggling to stay afloat, he managed to bring much-needed contracts to Port Glasgow.

One of his more memorable deals was a multi-millionpound order from the Far East for vessels which were apparently too big for the Port Glasgow facilioes. Undeterred, he consulted his technical team and devised a way of constructing the vessels in two halves, to be joined when affoat. It was the first time this had been achieved in tidal waters.

As president of the Shipbuilders' and Repairers' Na-tional Association, Belch represented the industry when the Callaghan Government plan-ned to nationalise it — a move to which he was deeply op-posed. When nationalisation came, in 1976, he became part of the committee established to look at how the industry would function under public ownership, urging decentralisation and emergency investment. Eventually he joined the board of Briosh Shipbuilders, until 1979.

His proudest achievement was the successful acquisition of Ferguson Shipbuilders from Kvaerner. This small, specialist yard prospered under his chairmanship, establishing a strong portfolio of clients, including both governments and private companies. Its success led to its being bought by the Glasgow com-

pany Holland House in 1995. Belch was chairman of Irvine Development Corporation for five years until his reorement in 1990, and held a similar post with various shipping companies, as well as establishing two of his own: Altnacraig Shipping and Alt-namara Shipping. He was also associated with the Norwegian merchant shipping group Jebsens, acting as chair-

man of its travel subsidiary. He was appointed CBE in 1972 and knighted in 1991 for services to Scottish industry. Ross Belch was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, and helped to establish the Scottish Mari-

Ross Belch's first wife, Jan,

### WENDY BOASE

Wendy Boase, publisher, died of caneer on March 15 aged 54. She was born on October 14, 1944.

WENDY BOASE was among the most gifted and respected children's book editors of her generation. With Sebastian Walker as chairman, she and the art director Amelia Edwards helped to sel up the children's book publishers Walker Books in 1978, and she later became its editorial director. The company is now one

of the most successful children's publishers in the world. Though a board member since Walker's death in 1991, Boase continued to be an

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assiduous hands-on editor. In

wide range of projects - from board and novelty books for young children to teenage novels - and was proud that she could not be "departmentalised". She had a particular fervour for the Walker fiction list, which she had built up from scratch over the past decade, with some notable successes. There were two of which she

was especially proud: Why Weeps the Brogan? by Hugh Scott and MapHead by Lesley Howarth were discovered among the pile of unsolicited manuscripts by the editor and, under her guidance, became major prizewinners - as, more recendy, did Henrietta Branford's Fire Bed and Bone. She played a vital role, too, in developing Lucy Cous-ins's bestselling Maisy books and their television adaptation. Sadly, she did not live to see the first episode of the

series. Wendy Boase was born in Melbourne and was an avid reader as a child, immersing herself in Australian classics such as Norman Lindsay's The Magic Pudding, and Snugglepot and Cuddlepie by

May Gibbs. She read Anglo-Saxon and Middle English at Sydney University, after which she taught for some years in a private girls' school before deciding to travel to Europe. She arrived in Britain in 1968, and after teaching and travelling she settled in London, taking a job as a croupier. Her first publishing posicion was as a secretary at Reader's Digest, where she stayed for six years, mostly as a researcher. She then moved to



Boase: a passionate absorption in children's literature

Marshall Cavendish, where she met Sebastian Walker and Amelia Edwards, an acquaintanceship that was to be renewed some years later in a London pub, where she was invited to join Walker's fledgeling publishing house "to look after the words". Like the other two, Boase had

no children of her own, but she shared their belief that young readers deserved better than much of what was being offered. The challenge was to produce books of outstanding all-round quality, in content, design and production. From its beginnings in the spare bedroom of Walker's Islington house, the company grew to become a worldwide publishing force, with sister companies in America and Australia, and a turnover of more than £30 million. Boase's contribution to this success story was incalculable.

Boase had an obsessive eye

for detail. She could be irascible and impatient but usually only in response to sloppiness or inaccuracy, which she abhorred. Though she demanded high standards - in herself as much as in others - she was a considerate and generous employer, attentive to the welfare of those who worked for her, particularly young and junior staff, many of whom benefited from her

With authors she was equally diligent and thoughtful: it was important to her to have an author's confidence, and to win it she was willing to go to great lengths. It was not unusual for her to

counsel over the years.

drive hundreds of miles to talk through a manuscript with an author. As an Australian, she once remarked, she had no problem with distances and besides, she drove very fast. Wendy Boase is survived by her husband, John Vigurs.

time Museum at Irvine. died in 1988. They had four daughters, who all survive him, as does his second wife, Dorothy.

### PERSONAL COLUMN

MEMORIAL SERVICES

**DEATHS** PHALES - Dr. William aged 78 pescafully on April 26th 1899 at Beverley Community Hospital, East Yorkshire, Loving husband of Anne, much least states and husband of Anne, marca loved father and grandfather. Service at Beverley Minster, Priday 30th April at 1 pm, prior to private cremation. Family Sun April at 1 pm, prior to private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations for Hull Macmillan Nurse Appeal, Kingston General Hospital, Beverley Road, Hull, would be

ROSERS - Joan Marian, aged 79, died peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of Sunday 25th April. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 3.15 pm on Priday 30th April.

SCOTT - Charlotte Kathleen of Henley-on-Thames. Very much loved mother of Richard, Lindy and Susie, mether-in-lew of Trudy, Rocky and Bill; unique grandmother of Joanna, Emily, Alex. Phoebs, Katharine, Charlotte, Beth, Florence. Thomas and Jamle; soulmate of Hamish. Died peacefully on the night of April 25th, aged 79. Funeral at All Saints, Sisham at 2.30 pm Thursday April 29th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Denastons in lieu please to The Samartams Co Sawyer Funeral Service, West Street, Marlow, Sancka, 101628 483331).

SMYTHE - Eilsen on April
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[Janet] passed sway at
home oo April 28th 1999.
Sadly missed by Heather,
lan and David. Funeral
Service at Woking
Crematorium on Friday
April 30th at 10.00am. No
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1LR. Tel 101483) 772266.

TWOBY - Rita, peacefully
21st April. Greatly loved
and missed by her
extensive fan club.
Funeral 3.15pm, 10th May,
Reading Cremstorium. No
flowers please. Donations,
Amnesty International.

YIDESLEY - On April 24th 1999 suddenly at St Peters Hospital, Chartsey, Reginald (Reggie), Much loved brother of Kanneth Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Horsell, Woking, oo Wednesday May 5th at 1.45pm followed by Creonation. All enquiries to Woking Funeral Service, 119-121 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 1LR. Tet 01463-772266.

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To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

BISHOP - Sir George Bishop.
A reception in memory of the late Sir George Bishop will be held at The Royal Geographical Society.
Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR on Thursday 27th May 1989 from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Anyona wishing to make a donation in his memory to encourage travel and exploration by young people should send a chequo payable to The Royal Geographical Society at the above address, marking the envelope "George Bishop Pund". SHOP - Sir George Bis

IN MEMORIAM -

PRIVATE DEAR - Dennis Mansfield.
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### MR. STANLEY'S RETURN

THE most indefatigable and the most fortunate explorer of modern times is amongst us again, and has been received in a thoroughly characteristic fashion by his fellow countrymen. During his sojourn on the Continent Mr. Stanley has been the guest of Kings, and has been the centre of many a brilliant assembly - he is now a guest at Sandringham; but it may well be questioned whether he has been welcomed anywhere with more generous enthusiasm than that which was shown on Saturday, at Dover and at Victoria, by two huge crowds.

Mr Stanley, who remained invisible until the last moment, received an address from the Mayor and Corporation of Dover. . Far more interesting than the address was the sight of the great explorer himself as he stood bareheaded upon the bridge of the vessel innumerable portraits have rendered familiar his face and figure. It

### ON THIS DAY

April 28, 1890 

There was more to H.M. Stanley (1841-1904), MP 1895-1900, than the immortal phrase "Dr Livingstone I presume". He was an outstanding explorer: he played a major role in establishing the Congo Free State and in founding British East Africa.

only remains to be said that the anxieties and the hardships which he has undergone have left their traces upon him. He has aged greatly, and his hair and moustache are quite white. He looked very tired . . .

The special train from Dover was expected at Victoria at half-past 5 o'clock in the evening, and for nearly an hour before that time, notwithstanding the bad weather, people began to gather about the stacon-yard in considerable numbers, and different parts of the route from Belgravia to Stratton Street as well were marked with assemblages waiting for the African explorer and his friends. The train was considerably over its ome. At eight minutes to 60 clock the special train of saloon carriages steamed into the station . . . All attention was given to the second saloon. The traveller quickly descended from this carriage, and loud cheers were raised.

The crowds dispersed and Mr. Stanley had received his welcome. Later in the day he left for Sandringham, where he remained over yesterday. For the rest it is clear that Mr. Stanley is to be the lion of the season. Already the programme of entertainments, of banquets, and of receptions prepared for him is almost alarmingly long; but it may well be that when all is over, when his book has been published, and when he begins to take stock of his experiences, he will come to the conclusion that his reception by the people of London has been the greatest compliment which he has ever received.

## THE TIMES TODAY

### Tories in crisis after sacking

The Tory Party was in "crisis" last night over the leadership's attempt to downgrade Thatcherism after a senior party director was accused of disloyalty and sacked.

Michael Simmonds, the £60,000-a-year director of marketing and membership, was called in at 8.30am by Michael Ancram, the chairman of the party, branded a leaker and told to clear Pages 1, 2 his desk immediately...

### Dando killer 'may have been fixated'

🖾 Detectives hunting the gunman who murdered Jill Dando believe that the murderer could have been a man who had fantasized about her and built up a fatal fixation. Police have begun delving into the 38-year-old television presenter's private life, talking to former boyfriends and colleagues for any clues to ......Pages 1, 4, 5 someone with a grudge...

### More refugee airlifts

More than 150 Kosovo refugess will arrive in Britain Iomorrow as the emergency airlift of evacuees is set to become a twice weekly operation. The group of refugees, comprising 18 people needing medical treatment phis about 140 dependents, will land at East Midlands International Airport about Pages I. 14. 15

Julia steals the show Julia Roberts, the Hollywood superstar, may have been upstaged in the dress stakes by Liz Hurley. the British actress, but it was she who stole the show at the longawaited premiere of her new film Notting Hill...

### Students face life

Two college students who stabbed their best friend to death because "he got on their nerves". and then hurn) and dismembered his body, last night faced life in

### Prostitute support

Prostitution is no greater a sin than aduliery and more should be done to minister to prostitutes and those who use them, a church ....Page 6 report says...

Mobile improvements Engineers at Leeds University have developed a transmitter the size of a cigarenc packet that could make planning disputes over mobile phone masts a thing ..... Page 9

### Joke judge in dock

The Lord Chancellor is investigating reports of an after-dinner speech in which a judge was heckled and jeered after cracking a joke against political correct-.. Page 11

### Charles teams up

A former Harlem Globetrotters player, who bought the basketball learn after hanging up his training shoes, joined the Prince of Wales in encouraging businesses to do more to help deprived communities...

### Clinton acts on guns

Spurred by the Denver school massacre, President Clinton proposed bringing criminalcharges against parents of children who commit gun crimes. The idea was among several gun control measures Mr Clinton sent to Congress. where their chances of becoming law appeared bleak ....... Page 13

### Paris library fiasco

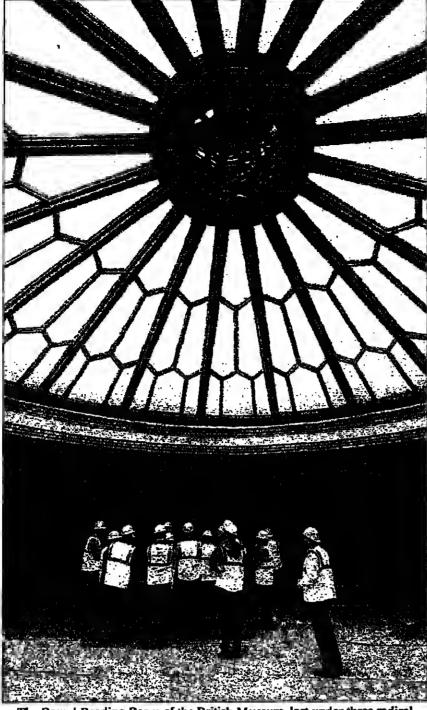
French academics were in despair as the country's showcase National Library plumbed new depths of absurdity, and the parliament set up an inquiry into the £830 million project......Page 16

### 'Too sick' to kill

A former member of the Gestapo told a court he "felt sick" when ordered to join a Nazi death camp execution squad and thus avoided firing a single shot in a mass extermination campaign...... Page 16

### Bird record for happy wanderer

M After a lifetime as a hatters' merchant, Harry Howard decided there must be more to life than making braid bows for trilbies. So he kissed goodbye to his wife and set off around the world to watch birds. A year later, the 59-year-old can claim a world record for bird-spotting, having seen a representative of every one of the 202 bird "families" in less than a year. Page 3



The Round Reading Room of the British Museum, lost under three radical redecorations since the building first opened in 1857, is being restored to its original glory. The project is expected to be completed by November 2000

### BUSINESS

Record: Shares closed at a record high on the back of stock shortages and continued strength on Wall Street ... Page 25 Booth goes: Mark Booth announced he was leaving British Sky Broadcasting and will run a new media company set up 

Lopes arrested: A former president of the Brazilian Central Bank, Francisco Lopes, was arrested on Monday...Page 25 Markets: The FTSE 100 index rose 90.0 points 6593.6. The pound rose 0.32 cents to \$1.6164 but fell 0.14p against the euro to 65.87p. The sterling index fell to 104.1...........Page 28

### SPORT

Football: Steve McManaman has been given a free-ranging role against Hungary in an England team that includes two new caps, Kevin Phillips and Wes Brown..... Cricket: The new media centre at Lord's was opened officially. It was designed by Jan Kaplicky, a Czech refugee, as a ..Page 48 debt of gratitude to England ...... Snooker: John Higgins made a superb start to his world championship quarter-final against Stephen Lee by win-

### ARTS

ning the opening eight frames .....

Prunella's Pinter: The West End revival of The Birthday Party, with Prunella Scales in the lead role, confirms Pint-Brush with controversy: A new film about Ariemisia Gentileschi has raised feminist hackles by portraying the 17thcentury painter as being besoned with the man who raped

Cry from Africa: At the Serpentine Gallery the remarkable South African artist William Kentridge offers a deeply pessimistic vision of his homeland...

### FEATURES

when travelling with the royals .....

Adding up: Research proves that animals do have mathe-George Walden: In the third extract from his memoirs, the former diplomat and politician offers a guide to protocol

THE PAPERS There are new dangers ahead for India. Historically the Congress Party has had a Nehru or Gandhi leading it. So will it be at the next election, but the difference is that Sonia Gandhi is a foreigner. The fact that the Congress Party could not find a person of Indian origin to lead it and had to fall back on Rajiv Gandhi's widow is sure to be exploited by anti-Congress forces desperate for any straw to cling to. Hong Kong Standard

HOMES Boom time: Ireland's housing market is booming and has been for five years. Is there a lesson there for ...Page 39 Britain?.....

### FOCUS

Net gains; On the 40th anniversary of the Marketing Society, a look at the potential of e-commerce.... Page 32, 33

### EASY MONEY Cashing in: The best ways to

improve savings and pension provision; why it pays to

### RADIO & TV

preview: Celebrities pay tribute to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Leviathan [BBC2, 7,30pm] Review: "Was Martin Part, who made Thinking of England lor BBC2's Modern Times, sniggering at that middle-aged couple at their hed-and-breakfast?" Joe Joseph on the English at play ..... Pages 46, 47

### OPINION

### Crisis of clarity

The Conservatives have suffered a crisis of clarity not for two years but at least seven. Until that ends they are unlikely to recover ...... Page 21

### A blip on the screen

Draskovic may have hinted at fractures in the Yugoslav leadership, but he has changed direction so many rimes and with such hrazen opportunism that he has linle domestic credibility ...... Page 2]

### Only connect

London's new millennium bridge will link times and ideas and communities together ...... Page 21 COLUMNS

### SIMON JENKINS

The Prime Minister barely conrealed his frustration at his colleagues' refusal to carry war to its logical next stage, to expel Serh forces from Kosovo and repatriate the Kosovans. He is Prometheus chained to the Nato rock, while a defiant Mr Milosevic gnaws at his vitals.....Page 20

### **DAVID SELBOURNE**

The thesis of "globalisation", a mulant form of the "end-of-history" proposition, is, like its predecessor. nothing but twaddle. It is pure globalonev..

### ALAN COREN

You would not believe the new froideur in the Cricklewood streets. crossed as soon as they spot me coming by those who would once smile, and pause, and gossip. Does are tugged away from my par children folded into their mothers ... Page 20 skirts..

### OBITUARIES

Conrad Dixon, policeman; Sir Ross Belch, industrialist; Wendy Boase, publisher; Professor Dayid Daube, biblical scholar: Air Commodore J.M.N. Pike, wartime bomber pilot ..... Page 23

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NOON TODAY

Legal aid reform: divorce and older women; reporting of Jill Dando's murder; violent video games; local buy a used car......Page 17 | government reform.......Page 21

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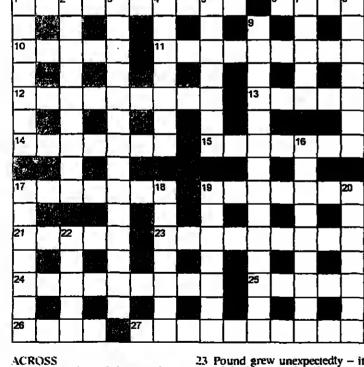
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- souvenir (5). 14 Take up horn and set out (7). t5 Allowing little time for consid-
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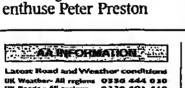
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☐ General: England, Wales and Northern Ireland will all have a mostly fine day with spells of sunshine. Some eastern coasts of England might stay misty. Scotland will become cloudier and there will be some light rain in the lar north and across the Northern

Isles. Southern parts of Scotland will see some sunshine. ☐ London, SE, Cent S, SW, E Midlands: mist or log patches lifting to leave spells of sunshine. Breezy, especially at coasts Moderate to fresh

northeasterly wind. Max 18C (64F). ☐ Channel Islands: windy but dry with occasional sunshine. Fresh northeast winds. Max 14C (57F). ☐ E Anglia, E, Cent N, NE Eng-

land: cool and misty near some coasts but summy spells elsewhere. Moderate northeasterly winds. Max 17C (63F) but cooler at coasts. W Mtdlands, S&N Wales, NW

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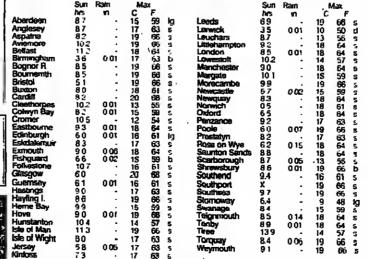
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☐ Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: bright for a while in many places but cloud increasing to bring rain to northern areas. Light northwest winds, backing moderate weslerly. Max 14C (57F).

☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: dry with some sunshine after early fog patches, but cloudier later. Light winds, mainly northwessterly. Max 17C (63F). ☐ N Ireland: after early log patches it will be dry with long sunny spells. Light winds, mostly north to northeast-

erly. Max temp 17C |63F). ☐ Republic of Ireland: some early mist, then bright with sunny periods. Wind light, easlerly. Max 19C (66F). Outlook: southern areas will have further sunny breaks but a lew show-ers overnight, clearing during Friday when much of England and Wales will be bright. Scotland, northern England and Northern Iteland will turn wet for a

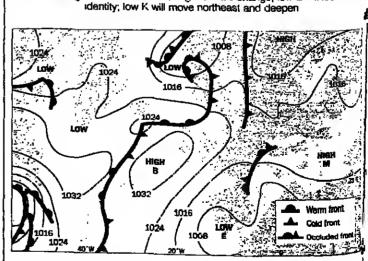
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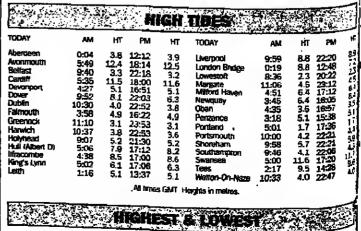


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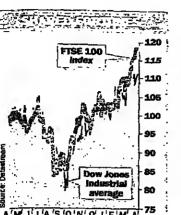
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**BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft** 

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28 1999

# Wall Street helps UK shares to record high

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BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE STOCK MARKET scored its fifth record close of the month yesterday buoyed by yet another strong performance on Wall Street.

Shares were also helped by fur-ther signs that the UK's manufacturing sector is beginning to turn the corner and an improved trade balance with non-EU countries.

The FTSE 100 index of leading

shares closed up 90.0 points at 6,593.6, having earlier reached a new intra-day peak of 6,635.9.

The market was helped by an overnight rise in New York with the gains underpinned by a further rap-

id climb once Wall Street opened

trading yesterday.
The Dow Jones industrial average stood up about 80 points by lunchtime in New York after better than expected quarterly results from

AT&T, the telecoms giant.
In London banks and oil companies continued to fuel the stock market's rise after recent oil price rises and a series of positive banking trading statements. Traders said shares could see fresh highs in the next few days but gave warning that the mar-ket is now approaching the traditional May selling season.

The trade data, which was also published yesterday, raised new hopes that Britain's export perform-

ance may be beginning to improve. The non-EU trade gap fell to 1986 million in March compared with £1.58 billion in February and well below City expectations of a £1.7 bil-

Although part of the improve-ment was due to a jump in exports of erratics, there was also a sharp rise in exports to the US and some signs that the export position in the

Far East may be stabilising.
However, the overall trade gap in
February decreased only marginally
from January's record £2.73 billion deficit to £2.61 billion, leaving analysts saying that it was too early to conclude Britain's underlying trade position was on an improving trend.

There was particular concern that the trade deficit with EU countries in February ballooned to its largest levels since July 1990. Over the three months to February exports to EU countries fell by 3 per cent while those to non-EU countries were down 4 per cent on a quarterly comparison. Analysts said that with the pound maintaining high levels against the euro, a deterioration in the EU trade balance could hamper

The separate Confederation of British Industry April industrial trends survey offered fresh evidence of a gentle recovery in the sector although manufacturers are shedding

an improvement in the overall trade

balance.

jobs at the fastest rate for six years. Confidence reached its highest levels in more than a year while order books declined at their slowest rate since last July. The export position also showed signs of improving atthough confidence in export orders over the next four months has slipped back again because of the latest rise in the pound.

Inflationary pressures remain very weak with domestic prices again declining and unit costs fallng at their fastest ever rate.

The CBI said subdued inflation in the sector suggested that the Bank of England could cut rates by a further quarter point to help to underpin

### Business **Today**

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**Pensions** time bomb

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# **BSkyB** chief quits to head Net

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

venture

ecutive of British Sky Broadcasting, unexpectedly an-nounced yesterday that he is to leave the satellite broadcaster. He has instead been enlisted to run a new media company, e\*partners, set un by The News Corporation.

The surprise decision comes less than two years after Mr Booth was chosen as the successor to Sam Chisholm and a little more than six months after the successful launch of the SkyDigital service.

Mr Booth's move was triggered by an offer from Microsoft, the world's largest software company, to head all its Internet businesses. Mr Booth, who first came to the UK to run MTV Europe, was offered share options that could eventually be worth \$100 million to join Microsoft.

Jerome Seydoux, chairman of BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News Corp. the ultimate parent company of The Times, told Mr Booth he could not stand in the way of such

Hearing of Mr Booth's intention to move. Rupert Mur-doch, chairman and chief execunive of News Corp began negotiations to attract Mr Booth to join News Corp, which has been looking for ways to increase its Internet presence in recent months. Yesterday BSkyB said that Mr Murdoch asked for and was given per-



Booth: News Corp post

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MARK BOOTH, the chief ex-ecutive of British Sky Broad-Mr Booth the newly created News Corp position.

The new company will have a \$300 million capital base; which will be used to invest in new media opportunities, including the Internet, interactive television and wireless communication.

The funding of e\*partners is the most significant move by News Corp so far in the area of the Internet and e-commerce. So far, electronic investments have been largely defensive and designed to protect existing mass media products.

Mr Booth, it is believed, will hold a 10 per cent stake in e-partners, which will have its headquarters in London and offices on the West Coast of the US. One strategy of the new company will be to try to link up with US new media compa-nies that have yet to expand outside the US and handle their international operations.

BSkyB said that Mr Booth's successor would come from outside BSkyB, which rules out Mr Murdoch's daughter, Elisabeth Murdoch, managing director of BSkyB Networks. It would also rule out David Chance, Mr Chisholm's former deputy, who is still a non-executive director of the satellite broadcaster.

It is believed that Mr Booth's likely successor could come from News Corp. Two possible candidates being sug-gested last night were David Hill, the chairman and chief executive of Fox Broadcasting and Tony Ball, president and chief executive of Fox/Liberty Networks. Both have previously worked at Sky.

Mr Booth described yesterday as "a bitter sweet day". adding: "I am sorry to leave but excited by the new opportunity. If I had ome to do both jobs I would."

The BSkyB chief executive recently suffered a setback when Stephen Byers, Trade Industry Secretary, blocked BSkyB's plan to buy Manchester United.



# News Corp takes Italian stake

By JASON NISSÉ

THE NEWS CORPORATION yesterday gained a foothold in the Italian pay-television market and simultaneously became embroiled in the battle for Telecom Italia when it struck a deal for the media rights of four Serie A football clubs.

News Corp has agreed to buy a 35 per cent stake in Stream, the loss-making digittelevision operator set up Telecom Italia. Cecchi Gori, the Italian media group. will take an 18 per cent stake while another 12 per cent stake is being sold to Societa

Diritti Sportivi. a company set

up by four top Italian football clubs - Roma, Lazio, Parma and Fiorentina - to market their media rights.

The four clubs have also

agreed a deal, said to be worth more than I trillion lire (£340 million), to sell their pay-televi-sion broadcasting rights for the next six seasons to Stream. Olivetti, the computer

groop, which has said it will table a £40 billion bid for Telecom Italia later this month, said the sale of Stream was aimed at obstructing its bid. Telecom Italia formally rejected the Olivetti offer last night. having agreed to merge with Deutsche Telekom last week. The decision by News Corp

and the football clubs to buy into Stream follows the deal struck last year by Telepui, the Italian digital television service owned by Canal Plus, the French media group. It signed up the pay-television rights of some of the leading clubs including Juventus, AC Milan, Internazionale and Napoli for five years, paying

about £750 million. No figures were revealed for the Stream deal vesterday. However, Telecom has said that up to 12 trillion needs to be invested in the digital service to enable it to compete

with Telepui. Earlier this year talks between News Corp and Tele-com Italia, which would have led to News Corp buying an 80 per cent stake in Stream, broke down after intervention by the Italian Government.

Yesterday's deal, however, appears to have been given the green light by Vicenzo Vita. Italy's Communications Under Secretary yesterday.

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### Outsider to take chair at the Halifax

BY SUSAN EMMETT

SIR DENNIS STEVENSON emerged yesterday as the surprise choice as the next chairman of Halifax, the former building society-numed bank. Sir Dennis, chairman of me-

dia group Pearson, will succeed Jon Foulds, 66, who announced he will retire in July. Sir Dennis is not currently on the Halifax board.

This is the first time the Halifax has recruited a chairman from outside the company. Existing non-executive directors include Louis Sherwood, Lord Chadlington and Prue Leith.

Said Mr Foulds: His track record as a doer and a strategic thinker is outstanding and I am happy to leave the Hali-fax in such capable hands."

A spokesman for the Hali-fax said: "That he's not Halifax born and bred isn't a problem because the business is changing so fast. It's more relevant that he has experience of big company."

The retirement of Mr Foulds is announced just four months after Mike Blackburn stood down as chief executive. removing the two men who led the merger of the Halifax with the Leeds Permanent building society and its subsequent stock market flotation. Sir Dennis is 53.

At yesterday's annual meeting in Harrogate the Halifax confirmed it would go ahead with changes to its share structure despite strong protests from a significant number of

private investors. Under plans announced in February, the bank will return ELS billion to 3.6 million shareholders in early June. Investors will receive 37 new shares for every 40 old shares and 62p in cash for each share they own on May 28, the last business day before the scheme is

introduced. . Halifax shares have risen steeply since the proposals were made. At the time of the announcement, the shares stood at around 780p. Yesterday they fell 615p to 898p.

### Egg hatches plan to Net customers

EGG, the direct banking arm of Prudential, plans to affract two million Internet customers over the next five years, Mike Harris, chief executive, said yesterday (Paula Hawkins writes].

From today, Egg will only accept savings account applications sent over the Net, although exisong customers will still be able to complete transactions and open accounts by telephone or post. When the bank introduces individual savings accounts (Isas) at the end of this year, it is likely that these will be sold online only.

Egg has already hit its first five-year target, set just seven months ago, attracting £5 billion in savings and 500,000 customers.



IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

BRAZIL'S fragile financial markets were facing a renewed crisis yesterday after the former Governor of the Brazilian Central Bank was arrested after his refusal to testify following allegations of insider dealing.

Francisco Lopes is under investiga-Commentary, page 27 | tion over claims that two private banks

were tipped off about the Govern-ment's plans to devaloe the Brazilian currency, the real, in January, Salvatore Cacciola - owner of Banco Marka, which has been implicated in the scandal - has apparently admitted he had a paid informant at the central bank who helped the banks to make huge profits purchasing US dollars at highly favourable rates.

A police raid on Senhor Lopes's home has also turned up documents

someone else's name. Only hours before Senhor Lopes's arrest. Pedro Malan, the Finance Minister, had declared an official end to the financial crisis, which had threatened to plunge the country into a full-scale recession.

The Brazilian stock market vesterday followed up Monday's 2 per cent slide with further losses. The real also slipped back to 1.72 to the dollar, al-

lows, set in the weeks immediately after the devaluation. Senhor Lopes, sacked after just three weeks as Governor of the Central Bank.

was arrested after refusing to testify under oath to the Senate Committee. Analysts are worried that Senhor

Lopes's refusal to testify may be an attempt to hide a more far-reaching corruption scandal involving senior members of the Government.







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### Kingfisher casts Net over France for free

BY FRASER NELSON

KINGFISHER, the retail group, has joined forces with Bernard Arnault, the French billionaire, to set up a cootinental rival to Dixons's Freeserve by offering free Internet access to everyone in France.

Libertysurf will be an almost exact replica of Freeserve and rolled out through Darty, Kingfisher's French electrical retail chain.

It will be 40 per cent owned by Kingfisher and 40 per cent owned by Group Amault, the private company through which M Arnault controls LVMH. The remaining 20 per cent will be offered to the third party who will be hired to provide management and technical support for the venture. Libertysurf will keep all revenue generated from online advertising and take a cut on anything bought through

its service.

The takeover battle between M Arnault's LVMH and Gucci was stalled again yesterday when the results of the latest round in their legal battle was postponed until May 27. The courts have ordered Gucci not to spend any of the \$2.9 billion it has received from rival suitor François Pinault paid in return for a specially created 40 per cent stake.

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# Prudential's Egg seeks two million Internet customers

By Paula Hawkins

EGG, the direct banking arm of Prudential, seeks to attract two million Internet customers within the next five years. Mike Harris, chief executive of Egg, said yesterday: "This is an ambitious target, but in an e-commerce world, things can happen faster than you ex-

From today, Egg will only accept savings account applications sent over the Internet, although existing customers will still be able to complete transactions and open accounts by telephone or post.

When the bank introduces individual savings accounts (Isas) at the end of this year, it is likely that these will also be sold online only. Mr Harris admits that this means cutting Egg off from the 30 million customers who are not yet online, but says that Internet use is growing sufficiently quickly to

justify the move.

Egg has already hit its first five-year target, set just seven months ago, attracting £5 billion in savings and 500,000 customers by offering high rates of interest on its savings accounts.

The savings rate is guaran-teed to remain at the base rate plus 0.5 percentage points this year, and will not fall below base rate until at least 2001. The bank's "current intention" is to continue to guarantee rates after 2001, with the aim of breaking even on the sav-ings side of the business. According to Egg's main competitors, the building societies. these rates are not sustainable in the long term.

ternet-based service will cut costs dramatically. "No one has understood how we could keep savings rates high, but now the story is beginning to unfold." Mr Harris said. Costs of Internet banking can be as much as four times lower than telephone transactions and ten times lower than

high street branches." Mr Harris pointed out that if Egg continued to offer savings accounts over the phone. it would have to build another call centre.

However, the move to an In- UNITY Trust Bank, the bank set up by trade unions, is to start an Internet banking service late this year. The serv ice is aimed not at the public but at smaller charities, community organisations and trade union branches. Yesterday Sir Dennis Landau, chairman, said the bank earned pre-tax profits of 52.04 million m 1998.



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Disappointing returns from video releases such as The Rescuers were blamed by Disney for profits down 30 per cent

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### OFT to scrutinise BAe Marconi deal

THE Office of Fair Trading its most politically sensitive takeover after British Aerospace yesterday signed the definitive agreement to buy GEC's defence electronics busi-nesses for E7 billion (Carl Mortished writes).

The OFT will be under pressure to demand divestments and undertakings from BAe if it does not refer the deal to the Competition Commission. Estimates of the merged group's commercial clout give BAe/

cent share of the UK's £9 billion per year defence budget.

Defence industry experts doubt the OFT will refer the transaction to the Competition Commission despite fears that the vertical integration of BAe's aircraft with GEC's defence electronics has eliminated the only significant competitor to BAe as a prime contractor in Britain, Overseas firms such as DASA and Thomson-CSF, will lobby for divestments in the area of avionics and optronics.

### Darling looks at pension tax law

ing making wholesale changes to pension tax law in a bid to ensure that stakeholder schemes get off the ground in two years' time (Gavin Lumsden writes).

Alistair Darling, social security secretary, has revealed that the Government may yet allow people to hold stakeholder plans alongside personal pensions and occupational schemes. This wouldrequire a great deal of effort to iron out the complex rules and regula-

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tions that surround the various pension schemes that now exist. However, he has insisted that the Government will do nothing to undermine compa-

ny pension schemes. Mr Darling is preparing to embark on a second round of consultation on stakeholder pensions after a first phase generated an overwhelming response from employers' organisations and financial services providers.

Time bomb, page 29 | tised any deceit.

### Disney's profits dismay

A DISMAL week for Disney continued when the entertainment conglomerate, already fighting an ugly \$250 million (£155 million) lawsuit brought by Jeffrey Katzenberg, re-vealed yesterday that its latest profits were 30 per cent down

oo last year. Disney said that secondquarter net profits were \$269 million, excluding the pur-chase of a stake in Infoscek. the Internet search company, last year. Sales increased 5 per cent to \$5.5 billion.

One of the main reasons for the profits decline was that the 1999 video releases, such as Mulan and The Rescuers, did not perform as well as

expected Costs at ABC, its television network, also increased. Michael Eisner, the chairman and chief executive, said the results were "disappointing". Mr Eisner is one of the key players in the court case unfolding in Los Angeles. Mr Kamenberg, the former head of its film stndio, claims he is owed 2 per cent of all Disney profits from his ten-year tenure.

Mr Katzenberg's legal team is claiming that Mr Eisner was part of a conspiracy to deny him this bonus after Mr Katzenberg left in 1994. While it admits that Mr Katzenberg is owed some money, Disney fiercely denies that it prac-

# Cabinet enforcer to

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

JACK CUNNINGHAM, the impact on business.

Speaking last night. Dr Cunningham, the so-called Cabinet enforcer, said that all government departments must now consult the Cabinet Office in advance of new policy pronouncements. In addition he said he would draft in business people to help to assess the repercussions of new policies on companies - particuMarket Foundation, Dr Cunningham said: "These steps represent fundamentally important changes in the arrangements for regulatory control." The move comes after complaints about mounting regulation, especially the application of the European Working Time Directive and the minimum wage.

Dr Cunningham added: "We hear frequent criticisms from the Institute of Directors, the CBI, small business and others about regulation. But what we seldom hear is how we might respond to the public concerns that very often re-

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Sharp rise in AT&T first-quarter profits

AT&T, the US telecoms company that is forging an alliance with BT, reported a 39 per cent rise in first-quarter profits to \$1.7 billion (£1 billion). It also announced a partnership with Japan's Nippon Telegraph and Telephone to provide data services for large corporations. The NTT pact followed a

move on Sunday by AT&T and BT to buy a 30 per cent stake in Japan Telecom for about \$1.8 billion.

AT&T last week made a \$58 billion bid to acquire Media-One Group, the cable TV company, topping MediaOne's existing \$48 billion agreement to be bought by Comcast. Including Samuel in the AT&T and income fall to \$1.1 billion. ing exceptional items AT&T's net income fell to \$1.1 billion (\$1.3 billion). Revenues, excluding its recent acquisition of cable television company Tele-Communications, increased 6.1 per cent to \$13.6 billion (\$12.8 billion). Including TCI, revenues rose 9.9 per cent to \$14.096 billion.

### Home loans boosted

THE housing market is more buoyant than last year, thanks to the Bank of England's recent space of interest rate cuts, Northern Rock chairman Robert Dickinson said yesterday. He told Northern Rock's annual meeting that the cuts had led to a jump in people wanting home loans. Northern Rock cut its standard variable mortgage rate by 0.1 percentage points to 6.95 per cent on April 12. Northern Rock shares rose 10p to 590p.

### Statoil appoints chief

THE Norwegian Government has appointed a new chairman of Statoil, following this week's dismissal of the enore board of the state oil company. Anne Enger Lahnstein, Oil and Energy Minister, has appointed a lawyer, Ole Lund, as chairman and new broom at Statoil after the company was castigated over massive cost overruns in the development of the Asgaard field in the North Sea.

### **Jarvis Porter cautious**

JARVIS PORTER, the label printing and packaging company, yesterday said that trading conditions remain difficult. Profits before £7.1 million of exceptional charges including the £700,000 pay-off of Richard Brewster, its former chief execuove, came in at £5 million for the year to February 28, 1999. against £14 million last time. The final dividend was cut to 1.25p (5.3p) giving a total payout for the year of 3.75p (7.8p).

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### Admen's £124m order

J WALTER THOMPSON, the advertising agency owned by WPP, yesterday announced a \$200 million (£124 million) worldwide advertising account from UDV for its Smirnoff, Baileys and Malibu brands. The win came as WPP announced that net new billings had risen to £447 million in the first quarter, compared with £403 million the previous year. WPP shares rose 64:p to 5664:p.

### CrestCo's £4m rebate

CRESTCO, the operator behind the Stock Exchange's settlement system, yesterday announced a £4 million rebate for subscribers after unveiling a 78 per cent leap in pre-tax profits last year to £15.1 million. The rise was partly a result of a 25 per cent increase in turnover to £52 million and has enabled CrestCo to reduce its transaction charge by 9p to 51p. It also means the company can begin to build its reserves.

### Alexandra looks abroad

ALEXANDRA, the workwear supplier, is looking to increase the proportion of clothes it sources from foreign producers in an attempt to increase margins, it said yesterday. The group's tax profits for the year to January 31 rose 22 per cent to E7.1 million on turnover slightly down at £64.2 million (£66 million). The final dividend is 5.lp, for a total of 7.6p, com-

### Staveley reveals loss

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES, the salt supplier and industrial services group, yesterday said that exceptional charges for the last financial year will come in at £22 million, £3 million more than forecast. The company said this would mean a pre-tax loss of £6 million (£74.1 million loss) for the year to March 31. The shares, which have been falling over the past two years, hit a new low of 63½p, off 3½p on the day. Tempus, page 28

### MSB reorganises

MSB INTERNATIONAL, the IT staffing business whose shares slumped almost 90 per cent from a high of E10.47½ last year, yesterday said that a repositioning of its business will cost nearly £3.5 million. The company reported pre-tax profits for the year to January 31 up 28 per cent to £11.6 million on sales up 49 per cent to £191.3 million. The final dividend of 8.3p (6p) brings the total to 12.5p. The shares rose 4p to 2171/2p.

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# assess regulations

Minister for the Cabinet Office, is to force colleagues across Whitehall to consult him before taking policy initiatives which have a regulatory

larly small businesses.
In a speech to the Social

sult in regulation."

### Sales of music on song again

WORLDWIDE sales of music began to recover last year after a long period of turmoil, according to figures released yesterday by the IFPI, the music industry's global trade body

(Chris Ayres writes).
Sales of music rose by 3 per cent to \$38.7 billion (£24 billion). helped by robust growth in the US, and a worldwide 6 per cent rise in compact disc sales. However, music sales in Asia

were hit by economic turmoil. with sales throughout the region, excluding Japan, falling 30 per cent. CDs now represent 65 per cent of all albums sold, compared with 60 per cent in 1997, with cassette sales falling in every region during 1998. The figures will come as relief to EMI, the British music group that has suffered as a result of sluggish worldwide mu-sic markets. EMI shares rose



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n identity crisis has hit Kingfisher. Just as the A Kingfisher. Just as the company is trying to engineer a merger with Asda, on the basis of their shared concentration on low prices. Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy forms a partnership to put Kingfisher alongside names such as Christian Dior and Moët

Perhaps Sir Geoff and Bernard Arnault have been flirting over the Worldwide Web for months and found that, beneath their apparent differences, they do have much in common. Per-haps the ordinary folk in France all covet the chic of a Givenchy gown while having to settle for a cut-price personal stereo from Darty. On both counts, however, there is room for doubt.

The undeniable fact is that in

his home territory, Sir Geoff's long-term rival, Sir Stanley Kalms, has pulled off a stunning Over the years, Dixons and Kingfisher have each failed to take over the other as their electrical chains have slugged it out on the high street. But Dixons's Freeserve has added billions to the value of the company in just a few months. Where is Comet's response? The answer is that it is coming soon, but in France, where it can emulate Dixons's claim to be first into the marketplace. And Kingfisher has been persuaded that M Arnault has

the Internet expertise to get Liber tysurf up and running before that pioneering position is lost. For that expertise. Sir Geoff is sacrificing control of his new enterprise. Sir Stanley can bask in all the earnings that Freeserve may — or may not — yield; Kingfisher can look forward to just 40 per cent of the potential rewards.

per cent of the potential rewards.
The stock market was not in the mood to carp, awarding Kingfisher shares the Internet bounce yesterday. Yet deals involving the mercurial M Arnault are not always as they seem. His efforts to gain control of companies without paying the full price have now become a habit. Whether it be a vineyard or a fashion house, his tactics are not those that would en-

dear him to the Takeover Panel. Sir Geoff is not one to rush into deals. His procrastination has, on occasion, even lost him deals, most recently the Freemans mail order business. Maybe he has M Arnault's measure and will prove a match for his tactics. But they could be time-consuming.

There is no doubt that businesses like Kingfisher need to be on the Web and that they will, in-

# The French connection



creasingly, be selling their wares without benefit of expensive high street stores. The Prudential's Egg gave a further pointer to the increasingly important role of the Internet yesterday, announc-ing that it will be the single route by which new Egg accounts may be opened. Libertysurf may

prove to be a shoppers' paradise for those with eclectic tastes and fat wallets. But it looks hastily run up rather than couture. Don't consign gold

to the scrapheap

Tor all the wars, financial collapses and local hyperinflations, the dollar price of gold has fallen by a third in the past three years. Even when interest rates are historically low and the euro is shedding cents like a moulting canary, the metal

that held the world financial system together until the 1970s is as

old-hal as a bowler hat. No wonder a consensus is developing rapidly for the International Monetary Fund to sell gold from its 100 million ounce hoard to help to fund debt write-offs in the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries initiative. Britain and Japan have upped the proposed sale from five million to ten million ounces. That would still be worth \$2.8 billion and the implication is

that more will be swapped for in-terest-bearing assets in future.

At one go, the slow process of debt relief will be accelerated and modernising monetary class warriors will strike another blow at the old enemy. Gold will be further demonetised and reduced to the status of a common commodilike Brent crude, pork bellies or Chinese whole ginger futures. Only Germany among the

PRIMARK, the fashion

chain run by Associated Brit-

ish Foods, has agreed to buy

ten of the Living department stores being closed by Co-op-erative Retail Services (CRS)

It is understood to have

paid about £20 million. They are being bought from

Miller Developments, the

Scottish private construction

company which on Monday paid £69 million for all 46

The move will raise hopes

of about 350 of Living's 1,500

workers who are facing re-

dundancy after the CRS de-

cided to pull out of every-

Primark, which is based in Dublin, runs 97 stores

across the UK and Ireland

with ten in the London area.

thing except groceries.

Living stores.

(Fraser Nelson writes).

Group of Seven is now conservative enough to be worried. As Bundesbank influence fades, however, even Germany is coming to concede that the matter must be considered, even if agreement and action bave been put off for six months, along with the much-criocised debt plan.

Germany says that its anxieties are only about the side effects of IMF gold sales. The principle of debt relief is agreed, if not the method and scope. In any case, the IMF will need to busband its resources better if it is to turn the new emergency loan facility into reality and avoid a repeat of the domino Asian crash. Surely, however, Germany is right to be cautious about de-

bunking gold altogether. If Russia is ever to steady its economy, stabilise its currency, become creditworthy and a full merober of the Group of Eight, it will only do so by mobilising its gold pro-duction for use both as currency backing and debt collateral. Others will follow suit.

Gold will never rule the world again, but should play a bigger monetary role in the first decades of the new millennium than in the dying decades of the old.

### Mirror may shine on its own

hile the Competition Commission decides whether or not Regional Independent Media or Trinity should be allowed to take over Mirror Group, the market may intervene.

The ousting of David Montgomery was a messy business but, three months on, his successor, John Allwood, has settled into the role and Mirror is no longer looking quite so vulnerable. The share price has moved upwards to a level that might begin to make a contested bid tough for Trinity and almost impossible for unquoted RIM. The market may be as good a judge of what is right for Trinity as the renamed, but not restructured, former Monopolies Commission. The four-member panel charged with pronouncing on the proposed bids for Mirror has drawn up a tist of the issues it be-lieves to be relevant, including the ability of a regional newspa-

per company successfully to manage national newspapers.
Who will be determining the answer? Well, the panel is led by Denise Kingsmill, famed as a lawyer but less well-known as a non-executive director of struggling store group MFI, industry expertise will

### be provided by one Professor Don-ald Trelford, whose reign as editor and then chief executive of *The Ob*server would hardly be categorised as a commercial triumph.

### Balkan question

A SIGN of the times. The World Bank, reacting swiftly to events in the Balkans, has earmarked \$70 million in aid for Macedonia and Albania, the main states affected, to cope with the influx of half a million refugees. That is clearly a great deal of money. Indeed, it is nearly as much as Microsoft offered to Mark Booth, chief executive of BSkyB, as a golden hello to manage its Inter-net operations. Mr Booth has, however, received a more attractive offer closer to home.

### Anti-age drug in tests

PHYTOPHARM, the company seeking to develop medicines from plants. thinks it may have stum-bled on the secret of eternal youth (Paul Durman

It is testing a compound that appears to reverse the ageing process, at least in the brains of aged rats. The discovery initially of-fers a possible treatment for Alzheimer's disease and age-related memory disorders.

Phytopharm is already talking to three multina-tional drog companies about PS8, and, despite its potential value, plans to license it at an early stage.

Phytopharm reported interim losses reduced by a third to £1.4 million.

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# Acorn to vanish in break-up deal

By Chris Ayres

ACORN, one of the best-known British computer brands of the 1980s, is to disappear from the stock market in a complex break-up deal worth nearly £270 million.

The deal will earn Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, the investment bank which orchestrated it, an estimated £45 million fee before costs.

Acorn's demise was precipitated by the enormous success of ARM Holdings, the microchip designer created and nurtured by Acorn, and floated separately on the stock market in April last year.

The value of ARM, which designs microchips for mobile phones and other electronic gadgets, has rocketed from just E264 million on flotation

to more than £1.3 billion today. Before yesterday's deal was announced, Acorn's 24 per cent stake in ARM was worth £312 million, while Acorn's stock market value was just £225.5 million. Acorn, advised Close Brothers, decided that yesterday's break-up deal was the best way "to return val-ue to shareholders".

The deal took the form of a £270 million takeover bid from Morgan Stanley, and will see Acorn shareholders receive two ARM shares for every five in Acorn. Morgan Stanley will be left with an estimated seven million ARM shares, worth about £45 million, plus the corporate shell of Acorn.

As part of yesterday's deal Acorn's set-top box business

will be sold to Pace Micro Technology for £200,000, while Stan Boland, Acorn's recently appointed chief executive, will buy Element 14 for about £1 million, with the help of other senior Acorn managers. Element 14 will take control of the Acorn brand, although there are no current plans for it to be used.

The only Acorn director with a significant interest in the business is Hermann Hauser. A trust of which Mr Hauser is "a potential benefici-ary" will take a stake in ARM worth an estimated £8 million. Shares in Acorn rose 94p to 254/sp yesterday, while shares in ARM fell 32/sp to 665p.

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### Diageo acts to **Primark** sell Cinzano in £20m store deal

By Dominic Walsh

CINZANO, the vermouth famously spilt by Leonard Rossiter on Joan Collins's dress in a series of TV ads, has been put up for sale as part of a clear-out of non-core drinks brands by Diageo.
The food and drink group

has appointed Warburg Dillon Read, the investment bank, to canvass interest in Cinzano together with three of its brandies - Metaxa of Greece, Asbach of Germany and Italy's Vecchia Romagna.

The four brands made a combined profit last year of £60 million and are valued by analysts at anywhere between E350 mil-lion and £500 million. Observers cited Canandaigua Brands, the US group that recently acquired Matthew Clark, and the recently formed joint venture between Highland Distillers and Remy Cointreau as possible bidders.

Cinzano is by far the biggest of the four brands. In-cluding its sparkling wine brand, it has total volumes of about 4.5 million cases compared with less than three million cases for the other three put together.

Diageo also announced yesterday that it had agreed to sell four ouzo brands to Campari for an undisclosed sum. The biggest of the four, with sales volumes of 500,000 cases, is Ouzo 12. It said the price was "not material".

Diageo's rationalisation of its European brands continues the clear-out initiated after its creation from the merger of Guinness and GrandMet. It recently sold several North American food and drink brands and this month hoisted a "for sale" sign over Cruzcampo, the Spanish brewer.

### **Prestwick** shares suspended

SHARES in Prestwick Holdings, the troubled electronics company, were suspended yesterday on the Stock Exchange pending clarification of its financial position (Matthew Barbour writes). A further announcement is expected tomorrow.

The group, which manufactures printed circuit boards, said a deterioration in trading conditions had led to "significant" cashflow problems. The suspension at 1315p follows a profits warning at the end of February, in which the group said losses would continue into the second half of the year because of a slump in orders. The shares have fallen from a bigh of 60p last year.



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# Record close for FTSE on back of US recovery

SHARE prices briefly breached the 6.600 level for the first time on the way to chalking up another recordbreaking close.

Inspired by the overnight recovery on the Dow Jones industrial average and fresh opening gains in New York yesterday, leading shares in London enjoyed another inspired performance.

At its best, the FTSE 100 index reached a new peak of 6,635.9 before closing 90.0 up at 6,593.6.

Demand was clearly concentrated among blue chips with the FTSE 250 index only 20.1 up at 5,808.7. The total number of shares traded reached 1.09 billion.

It was a red letter day for Lord Hollick, chairman of United News & Media, publisher of the The Express. as he watched the price rise 38p to 656p on the back of Monday's bullish annu-

Yesterday's rise was also backed up by HSBC Securities, which has raised its recommendation from "hold" to "trading buy", tt has also set a target price of 725p. Merrill Lynch is another big fan of the shares, lifting its recommendaoon from "accumulate" to "trading buy", while Henderson Crosthwaite has reiterated its "buy" stance.

Telecom shares remained in favour with stock shortages exaggerating the gains. British Telecom surged 42p to £10.89. reflecting the group's decision to join up with AT&T and buy a 30 per cent stake in Japan Telecom, Credit Suisse First Boston, the broker, is bracing itself for strong revenue growth from BT in the final quarter. Most estimates are pitched at between 7 per cent and 8 per cent, while CSFB reckons the figure could be nearer 12 per cent.

West LB Panmure, the broker, expects great things from Rolls-Royce, up 84p at 294p. and has reiterated its "buy" stance on the shares.

Allied Domecq shaded 8p to 513p ahead of results tomorrow. There have been vague whispers that LVMH may be considering a bid for the drinks group. However, sources close to LVMH dismissed the suggestion. LVMH continues to hold a 7 per cent stake in Diageo, up 30p at 71812p, after confirmation that it has put four drinks brands up for sale

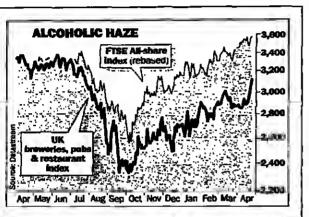


Lord Hollick saw United News & Media surge 38p after Monday's bullish statement and support from brokers

at least £350 million. It has also sold four ouzo brands. An upbeat trading statement lifted Vickers 8p to 17lp. Shareholders were told at the annual meeting that volumes in the first quarter were well above the level achieved during the comparable period last year.

Silvermines stood out with a jump of 71/2p at 381/2 as speculators gambled on the prospect of a management buyout. Clem Jansen, former chief executive, has already offered 47p a share, which was rejected by Bob Morton, chairman, and the closed-circuit television manufacturer's biogest shareholder. At the same time, TT Group continues to hold 6 per cent of the shares and may choose to make a full bid of its

own. Silvermines tried to play



LOSING focus is a common complaint among drinkers after one too many.

But BT Alex Brown, the broker, says this is also a complaint afflicting investors, especially those invest-ing in the big brewers.

Britain's brewers have delivered earnings growth in line with the market, but have been aggressively derated, says Graeme Eadie

\*Investors seem to dislike their diversification strategies for two reasons. Firstly, they have held back returns,

and secondly, they have di-luted focus," he warns. Unless the brewers can re-

store that focus and improve returns, a further derating of the sector is likely. Whithread, 14p better at

£10.34, is furthest down the road in terms of separating its beer and pub retailing operations and is seen as a

But the strategic routes of Bass, up 271/2p at 980p, and Scottish & Newcastle, 104p better at 778p, remain un-clear and only rate a "market perform".

down the speculation by point-ing out that no formal offer had been received.

Takeover favourite Monu ment Oil & Gas receded another kp to 46kp despite the recovery in the oil price. Recently its name was linked with rivals Lasmo, Vip dearer at 149%p, and Enterprise Oil, 2½p lighter at 431 4p. Both companies moved to play down the speculation.

Swallow held steady at 320p despite bar room banter that NH Hoteles, the Spanish group that has just pulled out of bid talks with Jarvis Hotels, may be interested in its hotels.

The breakdown in merger talks with Regent Inns, up 5p at 196p, has provided investors with a fresh opportunity to buy shares in SFI Group, up 3p at 2061/2p. That is the conclusion of Charterhouse, the broker. SFI's record remains impressive in a competitive maretplace, it says.

A broker's recommendation lifted Premier Farnell 10 its best level this year with a rise of 14½p to 263p. Merrill Lynch, the broker has raised its recommendation from "neutral" to "accumulate". The group saw its price tumble from a peak of 440%p last year, after a profits warning.
Merrill maintains the electronic components group is now on the road to recovery.

Further reflection of Mon-

day's trading news hoisted **BATM Advanced Communi**cations 1134p to 6984. Traders will only make a price in 1,000 shares at a time and stock shortages are inclined to exaggerate price movements.

Young Holdings rose 14p to 95½p. The price has been depressed by an overhang of stock in the marketplace after M&G unloaded a sizeable stake.

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices

in London frittered away an early lead as the equity market contimued to build up a full head of steam. Prices saw losses at either end of the yield curve. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilf finished unchanged at £116.46 as the to-

reached 28,000. In longs, Treasury 8 percent 2021 dropped 42p to £146.03, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2002 shed llp at £105.85. NEW YORK: Positive earnings reports boosted share prices in late morning trade. By midday the Dow Jones industrial av-

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# Reinventing works

SHARES in Invensys, the newly named BTR Siebe, were the FTSE 100's largest faller yester-day; this on a day when the blue chip index hit new highs. Despite this, however, the shares

have enjoyed a renaissance in recent weeks. The whole merger thing left many observers and shareholders - in both old BTR and old Siebe - cold. Back in the dark days of January it looked like the merger would turn out to be one of those where two plus two would end up equalling three. Tempus, for its part, allied itself to the bearish school of thought. But good evidence is now emerging to suggest that we doubters misjudged the situation.

Yesterday's £29 million disposal hardly registers in the context of this £13 billion company. But it is illustrative of the continuing change that is taking place at the firm. More and more, the emphasis is on control systems.

More and more Invensys is concentrating on making things such as temperature-sensitive food manufacturing equipment, although the range of products, and applications, is wide.

Invensys shares have benefited from the sentiment swing in favour of cyclical stocks. The group's exposure to the Far East — which undermined BTR and Siebe shares so fundamentally last year - is also adding spice as those

economies begin to stir. Two and two, in other words, already equals at least four and a half. With a following wind, the aggregation could bring an even better score. At 315p Invensys shares trade at the equivalent of about 16 times' forecast earnmgs for the financial year that ended on April 4. The stock is no longer in the bargain basement but it does still represent value for money, Buy.

### Acorn

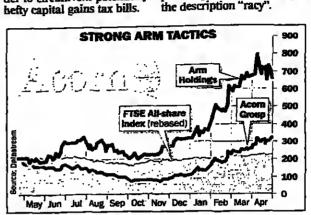
FEW will mourn the demise of Acorn, the technology group that failed to shake of its image as a manufacturer of dusty old BBC computers. and baffled the City with its transformation into an intellectual property business.

Shareholders may feel queasy about the fact that Acorn's directors have gained control of the Element 14 unit for a song, and that the settop box business was let go so cheaply. But they should be prepared to forget about the wrinkles. The huge success of ARM Holdings, the mobile phone microchip designer, which grew out of Acorn into a mighty oak, makes up for this company's other deficien-cies. ARM, floated off on the London Stock Exchange this time last year, has quintupled in value. Latterly Acorn's retained 24.4 per cent stake in

ARM was valued by the stock market at more than the whole of Acorn itself.

The complex Acorn-ARM deal amounts to a takeover of the parent by the child and Acorn shareholders will get ARM stock in consideration. The devilish structure of the deal, incidentally, comes in order to circumvent potentially

Acorn shareholders should happily take ARM shares and hold. Newcomers to the story, however, need to think twice before investing. Yesterday's deal, in association with another recent and chunky share sale, has softened the price. But even so, ARM trades on an earnings multiple that gives new meaning to the description "racy".



### Prudential

PRUDENTIAL'S Egg savings account is one of the big success stories of the year. Consumers are flocking in, giving this embryo £5 billion in less than a year. But while Prudential is un-

doubtedly right in indentifying e-commerce as the retailing platform of the future, especially for financial services. shareholders may care to remember some basic facts.

Customers are on the right end of a giveaway, for sure. But it is Prudential shareholders who pick up the bill. Currently Egg account holders receive interest at more than the base rate. Moreover, for the foreseeable future. Egg interest rate pledges seem to leave corporate profitability out of the equation. As interest rates shrink, the ability to turn a positive and profitable margin becomes harder. And operating costs, for all the efficiency of direct/phone/Internet banking, still weigh.

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Moreover, while £5 billion is a lot of money, the profit potential is not nearly as impressive. Even if the Pru managed to earn a l per cent interest rate margin, the revenue from £5 billion would only be £50 million. In the context of the Pru's annual pre-tax profits of £1 billion-plus, even this ultra-optimistic revenue estimate pales.

Shareholders need to keep Egg's potential in perspective. But that is not to say the Pru is anything but a class act. Assuming the markets overall can maintain and progress on current values, it as well to keep sizeable holdings in the Pru.

### Staveley

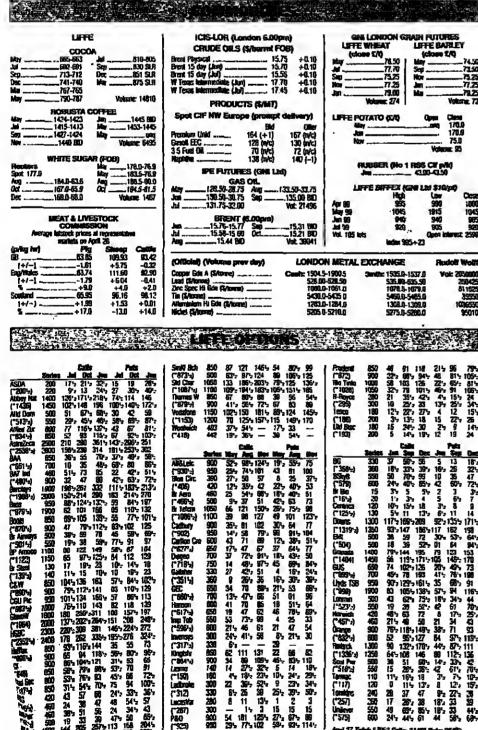
SIR RON Brierley, the New Zealand tycoon, had Staveley about right. Sir Ron, chair-man of the investment group Guinness Peat, which bought a 16 per cent stake in Staveley some 20 months ago, recently said: "Staveley still has many of the attributes of an undervalued share price and good asset backing. However, we seriously underestimated its capacity for an apparently relentiess destruction of shareholder value." Sir Ron has been pressing

for Staveley to sell the cash-generative British Salt division. A disposal could raise around £77 million — which is about the same as the current market cap of the whole company. This would leave Staveley as a support services group. But Staveley management

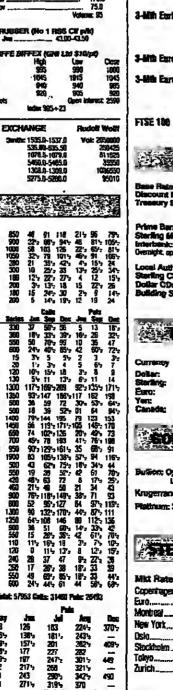
argues that it must rebuild the business as a whole entity before any sell-offs. Following concerted efforts, Staveley does have a leaner look, but the profit benefits of the restructuring still seem far off.

Yesterday's profit warning knocked the shares down 31/2 to 631/2. The stock has tumbled from 231p in 1996. It is not a pretty picture but long-suffering shareholders should hold on a while yet.

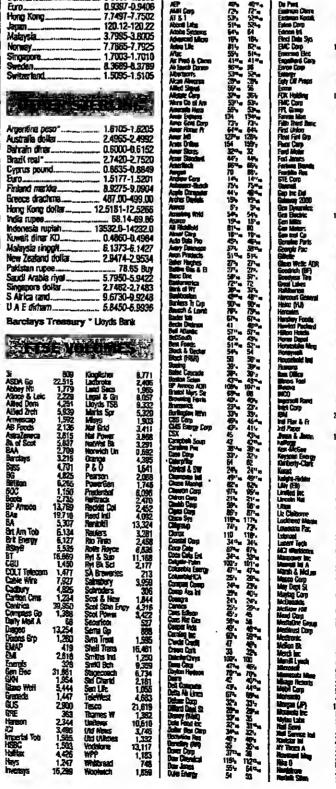
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B arclay Knapp must be spin-ong feathers. Only days af-ter he decided that there

was no chance of success for the £160 million bid for Newcastle United tabled by NTL, his cable

group, an almost identical deal has

Bordeaux, which frightened the

life out of many of the European

big boys with its run in the Uefa

Cup a couple of years ago, and has nurtured stars such as Zinedine Zi-

dane, Bixente Lizarazu and Chris-

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tophe Dugarry, has been bought by a consortium of the French TV group, M6, and CLT-UFA, which is jointly owned by German pub-lishing giant Bertelsmann and Al-bert Frère, the Belgian financier. The companies will take a67 per cent stake in Bordeaux and then

gradually exert their influence in a

deal worth about £25 million — so

nicking Bordeaux from the clutch-

es of Enic, the football investment

ham Hotspur and Wembley.
Unlike in the UK, where NTL's

decision to withdraw was prompt-

which has also recently group, which has also recently failed in attempts to buy Totten-

taken place across the Channel

# Football ownership is goal of media

ed by the regulatory blocking of BSkyB's purchase of Manchester United, the concept of media groups owning football clubs is well established in France. Canal Plus the satellite telegister group Plus, the satellite television group, owns Paris St Germain — which is made up of not only a football chub but also a rugby and basketball team - while Pathe, which has a stake in BSkyB, controls Lyon, By sheer coincidence, Canal Plus has the rights to pay-per-view football

And it is not just in France that media companies and football clubs share owners. Silvio Berlusconi, who owns Italy's leading commercial television company, has owned AC Milan for more than a decade. No one in Italy has complained about this as Berlusconi has bankrolled Milan's purchase of almost every top player in Eu-

Andrei Shevchenko, Dynamo Kiev's £20 million star striker. Earlier this week, at the Football Forum conference in Zurich, Umberto Gandi, Milan's managing di-rector, explained that Berlusconi views Milan as a part of his enter-tainment empire. "It is like we are putting on a film each week," he said, "We want the best actors for the show. The importance of the story the show. The supporters can view it in different ways. They can go to the San Siro (Milan's ground). which is like going to the cinema. They can watch it on pay-per-view TV or they can buy videos of the game for their memories." Milan is in the group of teams that has

A hundred miles to the south of Milan. Florentina, another top team, is controlled by the Cecchi Gori group. And what does Ceochi

struck pay-per-view deals with

Tele Plus, a subsidiary of Canal



Gori do? Yes, television and pub-lishing. Indeed Cecchi Gori yester-day announced that it is joining with The News Corporation, the ultimate parent company of the The Times and 40 per cent shareholder in BSkyB, and four top football teams - Lazio, Roma, Parma and, of course, Fiorentina - to take control of Stream, Telecom Italia's pay-per-view rival to Tele Plus.

News Corp witl have 35 per cent of this venture, while Cecchi Gori will have t8 per cent directly and 3 per cent through Fiorentina. In this case not only are the media companies owning the teams, but the learns are also owning the me-

In Germany, the structure of football clubs in the past has not really lent itself to ownership by media companies. Most clubs are still mutual organisations but as our own building societies have proved, mutuality is not always sure to tast. This is certainly the case in Ger-

many, where there is a dispute about the pay-per-view televising of matches. The dispute is essendally about the number of games that will be shown for free and how much the Kirsch organisation, which is the main player, is willing to pay for games. In Germany, as in the UK, the debate centres on whether the teams should strike deals as a teague or go it alone. Bayern Munich, the leaders of the Bundesliga and the country's largest club, wants to strike its own deal.

No German teams are owned by media groups but CLT-UFA has pumped quite a bit of money into Borussia Dortmund, which won the European Cup two years ago, while Bayer Leverkusen, which is controlled by the Bayer chemical company, is close to striking a deal with a "strategic partner". You can bet your bottom dollar it will be a media company.

☐ ANOTHER interesting development in Europe is the near bank-ruptcy of the Swiss league, where lite a few of the top teams are close to insolvency thanks to overpaying for overrated players. A di-

rector of FC Lausanne complained to me about its debts of SwFr2.5 million (about £1 million).

This is as nothing to the £22 million owed by Crystal Palace. I replied. Indeed, £1 million is how

much Simon Patterson, the admin-istrator from Moore Stephens Booth White, now running Palace, has been given to keep the club run-

ming over the summer.

Many football experts wonder whether this is enough. Buchler Phillips, the firm originally asked

to be adminstrators, said it would have to have £1.6 million to keep the club alive. The cash is needed because Palace will have no income between mid-May and mid-August, apart from advance payments for season

However, this season ticket money cannot be touched by the administrators until it has agreed a deal with its £8 millon worth of football creditors" - mainly teams owed transfer fees - because if it does not pay those debts then the Football League will not allow it to

# Europe's pensions time bomb would send our taxes sky-high 'fat cat' Leschly

Labour could end up paying to keep European pensioners in

comfort, warns **Charles Dumas** 

ew subjects turn off younger readers faster than pensions, but a low horedom threshold could be lethally expensive.

People who are now young will be generating the income that will pay for the coming pensions explosion. How it is financed will be crucially important. In this country, the political minefield of pension reform has effectively seen Harriet Harman and Frank Field - who was charged with "thinking the unthinkable" - lose their place in the Labour Government, Alistair Darling, the nearest thing new Labour has to a "safe pair of hands". is currently wrestling with the problem. But the real danger on pensions is not from within the UK — it is from Europe.

Current political developments in Europe mean that the pensions time bomb is more likely than ever to mean not vigilant, our taxpayers will be co-opted into funding the much more lavish government-financed schemes on the Continent, where private pen-

sions are insignificant If Britain adopts the euro, and joins economic and monetary union, vigilance will not be enough. Majority voting on taxes within euroland, with an end to the veto on tax issues, is a racing certainty before the time bomb goes off — which will be a decade or more into

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the next century.

The ageing of the population will raise the burden of all public pension schemes in Europe over the next 30 years. By 2030, the cost will be about half as much again as a percentage of national income. compared with now. The difference is that in Britain our public pensions are some 7 to 8 per cent of total output, bul in Germany France and Italy the ratio is two and a half times this, about 17 per cent. By contrast, British private



Alistair Darling is negotiating the political minefield of Britain's pensions reform, but the real danger is from Europe

many this ratio is 15 per cent. in France 6 per cent, and in Italy just 3 per cent.

Public pension costs will rise by a manageable 4 per cent of output in Britain by 2030, with most of the increase in the past ten years. This is well within the range of variance of government spending over long periods. On the Continent, the corresponding in-crease in public pensions spending will be about 10 per cent of total output.

Not only is this a huge increase, but it will be triggered earlier, and is added to levels of public spending (and taxes) that are already far higher than here. Against Britain's public spending ratio of 40 per cent of total output. Germany's is 46 per cent, Italy's 50 per

cent and France's 54 per cent. Public pensions are paid from general taxation on a current basis, not out of invested funds accumulated over the working life of the pensioner. The chief source of increased

ters of national output. In Ger- ed funds. On the Continent, the alternatives are four: reducing entitlements, meaning people well into their working careers would be forced to accumulate the difference through higher savings; government borrowing; reducing spending

on other government pro-grammes; and higher taxes. The first of these was largely

tion of the population made it easier. The "baby-boomers" were about 30 years old in 1980 - now they are 50.

Tentative efforts to curb entitlements were begun on the Continent in the Nineties, but not much progress was made. The advent of socialist/social democrat Governments in

PROJECTED PENSION COSTS 1990-2030

pension schemes have accumu- pensions in Britain will be pay- adopted in Britain over the Germany, France and Italy lated funds equal to three quar- outs from privately accumulat- past 20 years, at a time when over the past two years has the more benign age distribu-tion of the population made it eliminated the pressure for re-form. As well as disliking such a politically explosive issue, they believe public pension provision is right. They also have no great enthusiasm for the "Anglo-Saxon" sharehold-er capitalism that is necessary

where the general public relies heavily on privately funded

### Growth Pact rules out government borrowing as a solution to increased pension provision - it limits government deficits to 3 per cent of national output. In practice, the poor economic growth prospects in eu-roland will probably lead to some breaches of this limit. But we can assume that governments will continue their attempts to restrain deficits and

an other government programmes be cut back? Quite the contrary. Ageing populations will increase the burden of public health programmes, The current Balkan war, with Russia's westernisation drive seriously undermined, almost certainly means that the substantial "peace dividend" of the past ten years will be partclawed back. The French and Italian Governments are getting together to propose Europe-wide infrastructure programmes as a solution to their unemployment what else is a socialist government elected for?

That leaves higher taxes. But this is the ultimate "stealth tax", as the problem does not get too much larger for ten years or so. Meanwhile, the avowedly federalist euroland governments will return again and again to the issue of tax harmonisation. In extreme form, this would force convergence of public spending ratios as well. After all, it could be argued, is it not unfair competition for the British economy to be operating with a low-er burden of public spending than our continental partners?

The route to majority voting on euroland tax issues is clear. The majority of continental politicians are explicitly committed to establishing a federal European state. If Britain accepts this, our taxes will be in-

creasing for the remainder of most of our lifetimes.

The logical follow-up would be to adopt continental public pensions schemes as well—then at least our taxes would go to British pensioners. So with the pensions time bonib fuse already lit, EMU enery would mean "Goodbye new Labour, welcome back old socialists."

Charles Dumas is head of the international service at Lombord Street Research

# SB shareholders

play next season

Jan Leschly, but to praise him. There were more wisecracks than brickbats for SmithKline Beecham's £80 million man at yesterday's anoual meeting of the drug company's shareholders. Yes, there were questions about Mr Leschly's extremely generous pay and incentives package, and one shareholder made reference to "greedy bastards", the infamous condemnation of fat cats made by union leader John Edmonds.

But the questions lacked venom, and most investors scemed appreciative of Mr Leschly, giving the charming Dane several rounds of applause. "I'm not bothered about the remuneration," said one. "Good luck to him."

Sir Peler Walters, chairman, accepted that "by UK standards our salary and overall remuneration is very high". But he defended the company's policy. claiming that the total remuneration of SB's senior executives "is at the mid-to-lower end of the scale when compared with the global bealthcare companies

that we consider our peers." When a shareholder sarcastically asked why he and Mr Leschly were prepared to work for such modest pay, Sir Peter replied: "It's a personal

sacrifice." As widely trailed, Sir Peter said SB's annual review of its remuneration structure would take into consideration the views of UK shareholders when seeking to ensure it re-mains globally competitive. However, he also showed a slide suggesting that Mr Lesch-ly was only the eighth-bestpaid chief executive in his in-

dustry last year, far behind US

ers Squibb and Pfizer. Glaxo Wellcome and Sir Richard Sykes was in 12th place. Sir Peter warned shareholdew ming.

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ers not to believe everything in the papers about executive pay. He said his own package was reported to be £755,000 but this included the 56,000 shares he bought during his ten years with the company. The journalist might as well have put in the value of my "said Sir Peter.

The £93 million total initially placed on Mr Leschiy's benefits from SB included his £11 million shareholding. Mr Leschly was paid £1.9 million in 1998, less than in 1997, The balance of £80 million is made up of a plethora of option and incentive share schemes.

ost of the SB shareholders at the meeting can afford to take a relaxed view of rewards on this scale. As Sir Peter pointed out, SB shares have risen by an average of 41 per cent a year since Mr Leschly and his team took over in 1994. Sir Peter ducked the most

pointed questions he received, from Stuart Bell of PIRC, the pension fund advisers. He said SB bad so far decided it was "not appropriate" to put the report of its remuneration committee to a separate vote. And he was reduced to incoherence when asked why exce utive incentives were awarded against performance against the relatively undemanding standards of the FTSE 100, rather than the much tougher benchmark set by internation-

al drug companies, the same peers SB uses to set pay levels.

PAUL DURMAN

# Lack of trust

THE trade body for the investment trust world has tied itself into anguished knots over a report from one of its members that is highly critical of a controversial new £27 million advertising campaign.

The new campaign, from the admen the beautiful Side has

man who brought you "Tell Sid", has split an industry not exactly known for vicious internecine feuding. Big names such as Fleming and Foreign & Colonial are backing the ads. which should run in the autumn.



They're almost doing as well as Jan Leschly

But others are worried that generic advertising might not work. Worse, you could be spending money on boosting sales of rivals.

This view has been given a fillip by a report circulating from Aberdeen Asset Managers, which claims there is not much point in merely "raising awareness" if it doesn't sell more investment trusts. The campaign is the idea of the As-

sociation of Investment Trust Compa-nies, whose director-general, Daniel Godfrey, at first insists that no such report exists. I explain that I am reading it as we

speak. "If that's the case, I'm disappointed."

AN UNACCUSTOMED note of political correctness on the menu at the Gay Hussar, the flamboyant Hungarian restaurant in Soho. Chicken d la Serb has been discreetly withdrawn. But I am told it is still ovailable on request.

Church militant BOARD members of British Aero-

space already putting on the shin pads for today's annual meeting might like to know that the woman who almost single-handedly landed them in their latest spot of ethical



bother will be there again. Marian Peterson, wife of a retired vicar living in Southend, first brought to the attenooo of the Church of England's investment authorities the fact that they would end up with a sizeable holding in BAe after the purchase of GEC's

Marconi Electronics. As a result the Church has decided to dump the two million-plus shares in BAe because of a blanket ban on investments in companies where weapons are a significant part of their busi-

Peterson, who was also at last year's troubled BAe annual meeting and was one of the few protesters not thrown out by security men, is modest about her contribution.

"I suppose I set it in motion, but it was by no means single-handed," she tells me. "I'm a very small player. ft was an action whose time had come."

### Re-tuning MID-LIFE crises and abrupt changes

of direction are becoming contagious in the City. We've had monks and vicars. Now Philip Lambert, 39-year-old head of energy and utilities at Dresdn-er Kleinwort Benson, is off to become a composer and concert pianist.

Lambert first tried for a career in music in his 20s but soon tired of starving in a garret and became an oil analyst instead. After 13 years he has accumulated enough capital to pursue his earlier dream.

"I want to go and see if there is another life," he tells me. This will involve composing pieces for piano which don't sound like plagiarised He remains a realist, though. "If I find that my first concert is only at-

tended by my wife, my mother and my dog, I may feel it is time to start Lambert Oil."

JAN LESCHLY, the monstrously well-rewarded chief executive of SmithKline Beecham, was keen to quote the company's share price to quote the company's share price to shareholders of yesterday's meeting. He turned to Sir Christopher Hogg, a non-executive, who happens to be chairman of Reuters.

Hogg whipped out his pager and replied "680p" "It can't be," said Leschly. Correctly. "It must be 880p." Wong his figure. An advisor admit-

Wrong big figure. An adviser admit-ted loter: The gadget worked perfectly. His eyesight's going."

### Brand off

BERNARD ARNAULT has come a bit late to the Internet - and it shows. Arnault has been trying to get his var-ious brand names "dot-commed" as they say in the industry, registered so no one else can use them.

Dior, Lacroix, Givenchy — all locked up solid. But one has evaded him. The state of Hawaii has nabbed www.kenzo.com, and is holding firm. It is used to advertise a range of products including, as you see, cigars.

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On the 40th anniversary of the Marketing Society, Alan Mitchell looks at the potential of e-commerce...

# Now selling on a screen near you

he marketing profes-sion has ridden many waves of technological change, from the printing press to radio and television. But the revolution represented by satellite communications, cable, digital television and the Internet is unleashing faster changes than anything marketers have wrestled with in the past 50 years.

Faced with proliferating ways of reaching their target audiences, marketers face a struggle to get across the right message to the right people at the right time at an acceptable cost. Efficiency pressures are triggering sometimes bitter debates about media inflation. marketing effectiveness and accountability, and the role of marketing departments. Experiments are under way in areas such as loyalty marketing. relationship and one-to-one marketing, umbrella and corporate branding.

Yet these debates and initiaoves could still be too little, too late, if new breeds of business

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spawned by the information revolution take root. Most of the new business beasts are so novel that there is little agreed terminolothem. They include 'disintermediators, such as Dell Computers, which deal directly with customers; navigators", which help customers search for the best

choice of products and services; and "demand aggregators", which organise consumers to hargain as a single unit with suppliers over the

They also include auction-eers such as e-Bay, which put consumers directly in touch with each other; "infomediaries", which build up customer databases and use the information to broker matches between buyer and seller; and entities such as Buy.com, which uses products to sell advertising instead of using advertising to sell products - by selling products at below cost. Buy.com attracts millions of bargain hungers to its website, then makes its money by selfing advertising to reach them.

These new breeds of business may be confined to the ether of e-commerce, but their

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impact on traditional markets is direct.

As Martin Sorrell, chief executive () WPP, the world's second-biggest marketing services cormpany, told the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers: They are venal. They ig-nore classic profitability models, anci it is almost impossible to complete against them in traditional ways. We are talking about frindamental changes in the way companies go about doing things."

Philip Evans, a senior vicepresident in the Boston Consulting Group, echoes Mr Sorrell. "People are applying to this new medium the same kind of mental framework they have been using for 50 years. That is wrong."

Mr Evans says the new forms of information-led business do three new things. They separate the processing of information about products from the products themselves, helping people to search for. find and evaluate products independently of those who have a vested interest in

selling them. Secondly, they provide much information about their sellers as marketers tradioonally accumu-late about their customers. "This is making for a much more level playing field," he says in his forthcoming book. Blown to Bits. Thirdly, they are creating a new dimension of com-

race for customer affiliation based on who most effectively acts in the customer's interests. John It-lagel, a McKinsey consultarit and the author of Net Worth, says this "reverse marketing" will involve companies in "one of the most challenging mindset shifts they can go through." He draws a paral-led with | Gutenberg, who invented the printing press to help to suread the Bible to the masses, trut ended up helping

petition between brands - a

to spread heresy instead. Likewisse, "most companies see e-corrimerce as a way of gaining a dvantage relative to customers and other companies. But they are unleashing a set of forces that will dramatically strengthen customers' ability to deal with vendors." Today's big brands are

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With its interactive services, digital television will put viewers and consumers in the driving seat, but will present advertisers with a fragmented market

"product or vendor-centric brands - statements about the quality or attributes of the product or vendor". In future "the most powerful brands will! he customer-centric" - meaning that the brandholder will know the individual customer better, and use this knowledge to be "the customer's advocate, or agent".

If reverse marketers establish themselves, the age-old marketing goal of aligning companies' offerings to changing customer requirements will become doubly critical. Marketing research suggests that in half of UK plc the customer's voice is "rarely, if ever, represented around the boardroom table". Stephen Callender, the society's chairman, finds thisdisturbing; it is the profession's job, he says, to keep its finger on the customer's pulse. When companies fail to do so, there are "many opportunities for

things to go wrong".

t may not have revolutionised the British media just yet, but after years of planning the digital revolution is under way.

By now there are more than 500,000 bomes in the UK watching multichannel digital television in some form. Although there may be an element of rounding up numbers in the earlier days, most

analysts believe that digital has made a promising start. After four mooths on air. SkyDigital, offering more than 100 channels of digital broadcasting, including 40 audio channels, has attracted 350,000 subscribers. Most were existing Sky subscribers who had been persuaded to up grade their systems to digital. but 120,000 were new con-

Sky, in which News Laternational — the parent group of The Times — has a 40 per cent stake, was so pleased by the reception that it upgraded its forecasts to one million digital subscribers by October, the end of the first year on air.

verts to multichannel televi-

Earlier this month ONdigital, the main commercial digit-al terrestrial television service, announced its first numbers - 110,000 subscribers in the four and a half months on air. It has run an effective marketing campaign emphasising the main advantage of digital terrestrial - extra choice through the existing acrial.

Later this year the three big cable companies - NTL Ca-ble & Wireless Communications and Telewest — will all start offering digital services to their three million-plus subscribers.

One of the great advantages the cable companies will have

# Coming soon: video recorder that picks the programmes

is the ability to offer highspeed cable modems to connect their subscribers to the Internet. Video-on-demand the ability to choose and view instantly the movie of your choice, chosen from a large library - may not be far

as £1.4 billion - based on con-The move to digital terrestrial will also be boosted this year by the increasing number of television sets com-ing on the market with the necessary electronics already installed - some of them priced as low as £500. Early indications show that

viewers are very positive about their new digital services and like the menu-driven way of selecting channels and programmes to watch.

But more channels and more choice is only one aspect of the digital revolution. Later this year more and more interactive services will be introduced, allowing home shopping, home banking and sending and receiving e-mails through the television set.

It signposts a move towards an on-demand world where

be in the driving seat. Open, a joint venture linking BSkyB, BT, Matsushita and Midland Bank, will launch its main virtual shopping centres in the autumn. Even before the "doors" are open City analysts are suggesting that the busi-ness could be worth as much

servative assumptions. Such developments will open up fresh opportunities for the advertising and marketing community, although it will be difficult to find the right balance between the new niche and the old mass media market as the audience fragments across a larger and

larger number of channels.

Although advertisers will have to be quick to follow viewers with their messages. the likelihood is that most people will continue to watch the main terrestrial channels most of the time.

Yet before one set of technological changes has even been absorbed, others are set to ar-rive that could affect both the way we view, what we view and how advertisers deploy their ads. Hitachi is about to

recognises and cuts out advertising when programmes are matically pauses when the advertisements come on and resumes recording when they

Then companies such as Tivo and Replay are about to launch systems in America that can digitally capture. store and index up to 40 hours of television favourites. The new recording devices can recognise viewing patterns and if Men Behaving Badly is a regularly viewed programme the machine will automatically

record it in future. The new devices are expected to retail at about £400 and. like digital television, will have an electronic pro-gramme gulde. This will enable viewers to choose immediately the genre of pro-grammes — such as comedy or sport - in which they are most interested.

T ohn Hendricks, the founder and chairman of Discovery Communica-tions, told the Royal Television Society last week that broadcasters would soon have the power to offer a new experience — "telepresence". IPIX, a oew 360-degree, all-di-rectional photographic sys-tem, is already producing still images. Mr Hendricks believes that 360-degree digital moving pictures are less than two years away.

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# Free services blow Net wide open

the free Internet access service, by Dixons Store Group last September, continues to cause aftershocks throughout Britain's Internet

In a matter of weeks the service established itself as Britain's leading Internet service provider (ISP), simply by scrapping the £t0 to £15 month-ly subscription charges that were then common in the sector. Freeserve now claims to have 1.5 million users and has transformed Dixons into a stock market darling, turning on its head the "battle for eye-balls" among Britain's online media players.

Now the paid-for ISP brand Virgin Net has scrapped charges, along with BT ClickFree. originally launched as a premium-rate service.

This month The Sun newspaper (which has the same parThe scrapping of charges for Internet delivery has been a winner, says Michael Kavanagh

ent company as The Times) launched its free ISP Currant-Bun.com in its typically ebullient manner, while the Mirror Group has used its own promotional power to launch its "me-too" (free ISP. This month MSN, the Microsoft-ownled ISP, admitted that its subscriber base has dropped to 125,000 from 150,000 in January in the face of the onslaught by free tSPs. industry analysts and internet users are now wondering for how long AOL previously the UK's leading online service provider, can (hold its nerve and continue subscription

The real battle, says Mark Danby, the general manager of Freeserve, is over who can

establish themselves among a small number of operators expected to dominate the online audience - and consequently the fast-growing advertising and online retailing revenues in the UK market.

Charlie Dobres, the general secretary of the Internet Advertising Bureau UK, says: "We were already seeing rapid growth in the UK online audience, but there is no doubt that it has been given a big boost by the arrival of free ISPs." The leading UK "portal"

site, Yahoo! (www.yahoo.co. uk). Britain's busiest website, has also been drawn into promoting its own free ISP backed by BT, to try to protect its existstatus as the top provider of UK eyeballs online. The commercial imperative of remaining one of the Web's lead-ing destinations was demonstrated in January by the \$6.7 billion takeover of Yahoo! arch-rival Excite by the American telecom group @home.

ob Lawson, the associate director at NOP. company, confirms that the growth of Internet access is beginning to affect retailing habits. NOP estimates that 1.3 million people shopped online in the second half of 1998. from among the 10.6 million people who used the Internet home or work last year. Richard Wheaton, the director of new media at the Carat

companies are not selling prod-ucts via the Web, all marketing-driven companies should have a "digital strategy". People are increasingly consulting the Web before making purchases for more expensive and bulky items such as cars at tra-ditional retail outlets, says Mr Wheaton, even if they are not buying online.
The low-cost airline easyJet

is among those companies that have successfully grabbed the medium by the throat. This month easyJet announced that it had sold nearly 300,000 seats via its online booking services and that the Net now accounts for a quarter of all ticket sales. It expects the proportion of Net sales to grow to 30 per cent by the end of this year, and perhaps as high as 60 per cent by the end of next year, as consumer access to the World Wide Web becomes more pervasive.



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The stuff of marketing legend: the quirky Tango commercials break all the rules, but have paid off in increased sales

# Make marketing a state of mind

he past few years have not been kind to marketing. Though it flourished during the heady days of the 1980s, the early 1990s saw marketing confe under fire in a barrage of studies and surveys catalogning the profession's supposed deficiencies.

Marketers were seen as arrogant, short-term players, who blinely ignored the realities of

Then, a year ago, the first signs that marketing could be making a corneback appeared. KPMG Management Consulting produced a report based on a survey of those companiei that had been successful

in growing shareholder value. The findings were unequivocal: marketing was shown to be regarded as the key to competitiveness and long-term growth. It was viewed as a business-wide orientation, a means of getting the whole or-ganisation focused on meeting customer needs rather than building larger marketing de-

And this is the message that those banging the marketing drum in UK plc are trying to put across: that marketing has to become a state of mind as well as a set of functional skills. Customer focus from the boardroom down is what counts. And good marketers

should be proving their worth by leading the charge. Sir Michael Perry, the chair-

man of Centrica and formerly of Unilever, says: "One of Brit-ain's greatest problems in the past few years has been that we have not focused as tightly as we should have on customers.

"It might sound trite, but winning customer preference should be at the heart of every business. And that's not just about flogging things. It's about the whole basis on which products and services are put together, and how to beat the competition."

Sir Michael is also the chairman of the Marketing Council, set up under the auspices of Michael Heseltine when he was President of the Board of Trade. For the past few years it has been using what Sir Michael calls ble kind of plat-

form" to make Focused: Sir Michael board directors appreciate the importance of

customer focus. One concept it has developed is that of pan-company marketing, or making everyone focus on customers. "Successful companies such as Unipart and Tesco have that philosophy right through their business," says Sir Michael. "It is an attitude of mind that starts with

the chief executive." What is important in this de-bate is to define what marketing means, says Tim Ambler. A senior fellow at London Business School, be is working with the Marketing Council to develop robust measures for marketing at all levels.

At the very top. marketing what the company does. "Every company in the world has to make a turnover and that's how you do it," he says. Level two is what the marketspecialist does in terms of functional skills. Then there is the marketing budg-

et, which is about promotion. In the Key role: Callender field of promotion, for example, the strange

ads for the soft drink Tango have become the stuff of marketing legend. Not only has their quirkiness paid off creaovely and generated acres of headlines, but they have paid off in sales. That is because the owner of Tango, Britvic, let its ad agency, HHCL & Partners, throw away the rule book

drinks. When it does work as it has with Tango it is marketng at its best.

Mr Ambler does see signs of boards beginning to take mar-keting seriously, although there is still some way to go. Research from the Marketing Society on how well boards listen to their customers makes dire reading. When asked whether the marketing function was specifically represented on the main board or the most senior board in the UK However, the

bigger they are, the less chance marketing: only 57 per cent of sales in excess of £1 billion had marketing on the board.

Fewer than a third believed that the opinion of the customer was implemented more than 40 per cent said it was done rarely or not

at all. This does not surprise Stephen Callender, the chairman of the Marketing Society and a partner in the marketing communications agency

He points to an analysis of FTSE chief executives carried out by Management Today, which showed that only 12 of the top 100 have marketing in their background.

The Marketing Society, 40 years old this year and with 3.600 senior marketers as members, wants to change that, it is becoming more active in championing marketing excellence, as well as carrying out its more traditional

role of generating enthusiasm and interest among members for its wide range of events and pro-

grammes. "We are keen to establish marketing as one of the key professions disciplines that make busisuccessful," says Mr Callender. "We do not feel it is recognised as being as impor-

tant as it is." "If the Government started to promote marketing to a greater degree, then business would do something about it. Promote marketing, boost innovation, and so by definition grow business success, which affects employment. It all fits together."

Laura Mazur



et closer to your cus-tomer. This mantra of modern marketing is proving ever more difficult to put into action as new technologies threaten to turn tradition-al relationships between companies and customers upside

Consumers are responding to marketers' escalating blandishments by making themselves more clusive. Established classifications based on age, sex, class and income are losing their power as shoppers increasingly assert their own

We are, the Future Founda-tion suggests in new research for First Direct, moving towards an "I" society, where consumers focus on "expressing in-dividuality, being independent, both mentally and materially, and on finding new forms of fulfilment and sources of identity". They will simply refuse to fit into neat marketing boxes.

Indeed, among the trend-setting Tao Generation - as research group Synergy calls them - it has become positively cool to be contradictory. Their overwhelming attitude is 'I just am who I am'," says Pat Dade, a Synergy consult ant. "Living with contradic-tions and actually welcoming new contradictions — that is where the fun is."

Researchers are finding this contradictory consumer everywhere. Marketing services gi-ant Omnicom, for example, sees current consumer trends

The populations of societies may be ageing, but eternal youth is the watchword even among "greys", notes Ira Matathia, an Omnicom futurist. Likewise, "going forward, we'll see the most effective marketing strategies meld the essence of nostalgia with the positive elements of futurism", she says.

imilar contradictions have been identified by the Henley Centre in its Planning for Consumer Change project. In a world ren-dered coldly rational by the triumph of industry and science. consumers are searching for "re-enchantment", observes Stokes Jones, a Henley re-

searcher. Consumers want to put some magic back into their lives. Mr Jones believes people are yearning for a sense of community and for organisations and brands they can really trust. But that does not stop human beings being increasingly indi-vidualistic in their behaviour, and coldly instrumental in

their dealings with companies. Product quality and service levels may be improving. Mr Jones says, but consumers complain more - calculating that the more they complain, the more they get. Increasingly. their attitude towards marketers is: "If you want my attenoon, or information about me, you will have to pay me in some way for it."

Another contradictory trend is what Mr Jones calls "hedge hedonism". With declining job security and a retreating welfare state, we are increasingly aware that we have to provide for our own future and we are building nest eggs "just in case". Yet often we make these

## Customers out to buy time and pleasure

aside and get on with the important task at hand - having to pay for rewarding experiencun. We tend to overestimate homo economicus (man the ra-tional benefit-calculating maand underestimate chine) homo ludens (man the player), Mr Jones says. "People need to enjoy themselves."

Perhaps the most important trend of all is consumers' chance to become a coffee conincreasing tendency to define value for money in terms of val-

If we can afford it, we are increasingly paying other people to do boring, unrewarding chores such as washing, cleaning and cooking. Just look at the success of home-delivery

are also increasingly prepared es, no matter how trivial they may seem. For example, Mr Innes attributes the explosive growth of coffee houses such as the Seattle Coffee Company (and Starbucks) to the mix of "experiences" they offer a chance to relax and to seize the

noisseur. Researchers such as Joseph Pine, a consultant at Strategic Horizons, argue that we are entering a new economic era, the experience economy, in which the key to marketing success lies increasingly in a company's ability to stage expe-

riences for which customers are prepared to pay.

He says: "The history of economic progress consists of charging for what once was free. Instead of relying on our own wherewithal to experience the new and wondrous, we will increasingly pay companies to stage experiences for us, just as we now pay for services we once delivered ourselves, goods we once made ourselves and

commodities we once extracted

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The next step? To sell "transformations". What unites keep-fit. counselling, extreme sports, exotic holidays, new age mysticism, cosmetic surgery and a surging interest in education, Mr Pine suggests, is the search not just for experiences, but for

things that change us. Companies make products in factories. We, increasingly. make ourselves through the experiences we choose. Marketers could find selling "experiences" and "transformations" a huge opportunity.

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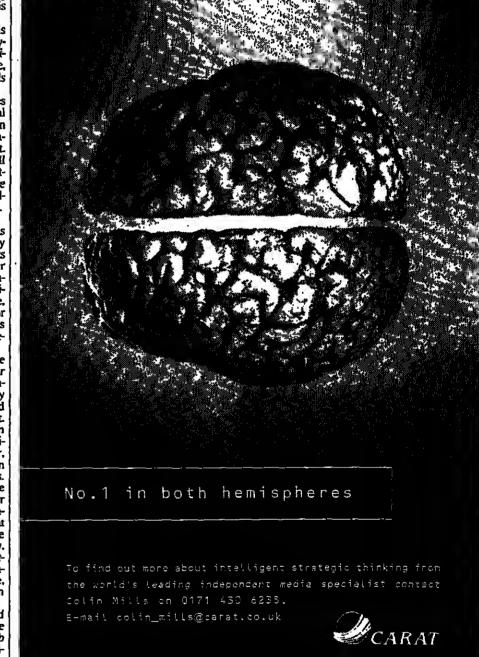
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## Court of Appeal

### Inherent power to prevent abuse

Ebert v Birch and Another Ebert v Venvil and Another Refore Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgmen: March 30] The High Court had an inherent jurisdiction to prevent the initiation of civil proceedings which were likely to constitute an abuse of the

process of the court. Where, therefore, a litigant had brought a series of vexatious proceedings against the same group of defendants, the High Court could grant an order prohibiting the commencement of similar proceedings without the leave of the court.

The High Court could make such an order in relation to both county court and High Court proceedings. However, it might not be appropriate for the county court to make an order prohibiting the commencement of High Court proceed-

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an application by the plaintiff. Gedaljahu Ebert, for leave to appeal against two orders made by Mr Justice Neuberger in the Chancery Division on July 7 and October 23, 1998, the effect of which, inter alia, was to prohibit him from bringing any new pro-ceedings in the High Court or county court arising out of or concerning any matters involving or relating to or touching upon or leading to bankrupicy proceedings which had been brought against him.

In the first action the defendants were: Mr Trevor Birch, liquidator of Europride Ltd. and Midland Bank plc. In the second action, they were: Ms Joan Venvil, the plaintiff's trus-

tee in bankrupicy and Mr Ralph Wolff, the bankrupicy peudoner. Mr J. Rabinowicz, solicitor, was given leave to intervene. Mr Andrew Mitchell for the hank: Mr Paul Emerson for Ms Venvil: Mr Robert Hantusch for Mr Wolff; Mr Gilead Cooper lor

Mr Rabinowicz: Mr lan Burnett.

QC, as amicus curiae, the plaintiff

in person, the liquidator did not ap-

pear and was not represented. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the case raised a relating to the extent of the inherent jurisdiction of the Supreme

to constitute an abuse of the proc-

It was not in dispute that the court had an inherent jurisdiction to prevent further applications be-ing made without the leave of the court in existing proceedings which were already before the court: see Grepe v Loam ((1887) 37 Ch D 168).

What was in question was whether the court had jurisdiction in appropriate circumstances to make Grepe v Loam orders prohibiting new proceedings being commenced without the leave of the court and, if so, whether the orders could prohibit county court proceedings as well as High Court pro-

The facts of Mr Ebert's liggation made the need for the jurisdiction which was in issue abundantly clear. Mr Ebent by a series of vexadous proceedings had caused the parties to the proceedings to incur considerable expense which they had little, or no hope of recovering. It was clear that Mr Ebert would continue to bring such proceedings unless he was restrained from do-

As a result, the Attorney-General had instituted proceedings against Mr Ebert under section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981. Those proceedings had not yet been heard. An order under secoon 42 could prevent all civil and/ or criminal proceedings being iniuated without the leave of the High

Such an order was considerably wider than the conventional Grepe v Loam order and the orders made under section 42 was, however, subject to safeguards. The applica-rion had to be made by the Anor-ney-General and be heard by a Divisional Court, that is, a court consisting of at least two High Court

judges.
The Attorney-General was not in the making of a Grepe v Loam order and not only could that order be made by a single High Court judge, it could be made in the county court.

Mr Burnen did not suggest that the existence of the statutory power to make an order prevented the court exercising its inherent jurisdiction under Grepe v Loam. Bear-ing in mind the period during which that jurisdiction had been exercised alongside the statutory ju-risdiction, such a submission

would have had no possible prospect of success.

Nonetheless there was force in the submission which Mr Ebert had advanced based on the existence of safeguards of an application under the statute.

Those safeguards did not, however, go to the jurisdiction to make a Grepe v Loam order. They served to emphasise the importance of such orders only being made when a clear case for making them had been established.

Notwithstanding the intervenrion of Parliament, an inherent jurisdiction remained alongside the statutory jurisdiction. That did not mean that the intervention of Parliament might not have cut down the inherent jurisdiction of the

If there was an application for an order of the same width as the statutory jurisdiction, the court could only appropriately deal with such an application under the statutory jurisdiction.

The inherent power to make an order was now more restricted. The question was: How much more restricted?

Mr Burneo had disputed that the court had an inherent jurisdic-tion to make orders in the wider form. His argument was lounded upon two Commonwealth deci-sions: Stewart v Auckland Transport Board (1951) NZLR 576) and Commonwealth Trading Bank v Inglis ((1974) 131 CLR 311). However, there had been considerably more authority available to their Lordships than had been available in either of those two cases. Prior to the Vertatious Actions

Act 1896 there were at least six orproceedings. After the intervention statute to provide a remedy. there were a number of cases in which the court had granted a wid-er form of restraint, including Lan-di Den Hartog BV v Sea Bird (Clean Air Fuel Systems) Ltd (1976) FSR 489) and McLean Homes (North London) Ltd v Dace

(1997) EGCS 120). Bearing in mind the absence of full argument in those cases, their Lordships would not regard them as conclusive. They did at least show that it could not be assumed that the two Commonwealth cases Their Lordships preferred to ap-

proach the issues from a stand-

starting point had to be the exten-sive nature of the inherent jurisdic-Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969) on the right of access to tion of any court to prevent its pro-

Regina v Baker

Regina v Ward

**Judgment March 31** 

ordered a retrial.

Pinto for the Crown.

Halford Superstore in Croydon, during which an imitation pistol

was used and two security bags containing the previous day's tak-

ings were taken.
The appellants' defence at trial

was that they had been subject to duress. The issues that the jury

had to decide were all linked to the question whether it was a case

there the appellants might have

Their Lordships accepted the

submission that a jury were eno-

tled to assistance from the trial

judge in identifying the issues of fact which, applying the law relat-ing to the case they were trying.

arose for their decision: see Berry

The Queen [[1992] 2 AC 364, 386].

In the instant case, the jury had not received the assistance to

In response to wrinen auestions

from the jury after redrement, and

after submissions by counsel, the judge repeated his original direc-

tion on the first exception to the de-

fence of duress. He then added to

that direction. Their Lordships con-

cluded that the additions had

turned his direction into a misdirec-

oon. The convictions were unsafe

jury in the hope that that might be

swer of those who can devise no

other explanation of their conduct.

which they were enotled.

been acting under duress.

Before Lord Justice Roch. Mr Jus-

tice Richards and Judge Colston.

Article 6 did no more than reflect the approach of the common Their Lordships saw no reason why, absent the intervention of a law indicated by Mr Justice Laws statute cutting down the jurisdic-tion, that jurisdiction should apply in R v Lord Chancellor. Ex parte Witham [[1998] QB 575). As long as the inherent power was exercised only in relation to existing proceed only when it was appropriate for it ings and not to vexatious proceedings which were manifestly threatto be exercised, no contravention of article 6 or common law principle ened but not yet initiated. was involved. In relation to specific anticipated

proceedings both in this jurisdic-

and did grant an injunction to stay

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son in principle why it should not

also, in accord with the general ap-

preach to the granting of quia timet injunctions, exercise that

power to prevent the serious loss

that anticipated but unidentified

proceedings could cause the de-

fendants to those proceedings.

The making of an extended Grepe v Loam order or a Grepe v

Loam order in its usual form did in-

volve a serious inhibition on a pro-

spective litigant exercising his nor-

mal rights of access to the courts.
However, the extent of that interfer-

First, it was only an inhibidon on bringing proceedings without the leave of the court. If the proceed-

ings were arguably meritorious

Second, the court would not make an order unless there were serious grounds for doing so and if there were no serious grounds, the

order would be capable of being set

courts in recent years had been not

to restrict the inherent jurisdiction

of the court but to adopt a broad ap-

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The ability of the court to oper-

the proceedings.

If the court had jurisdiction to make an order in relation to protion and abroad, the court could ceedings which were anticipated but had not yet been initiated in the High Court, then their Lordships had no doubt that the High Court had nower to make such an order in relation to the county court as

The High Court had traditionalcant from anticipated damage ly exercised a supervisory jurisdic-tion in relation to the county court when that damage was sufficiently and although that jurisdiction was The court undoubtedly had the normally exercised over the county power to stay or strike out vexa-tious proceedings when they were commenced under its inherent court by means of judicial review that did not mean that it was the only way the jurisdiction could be Their Lordships could see no rea-

The county court would give effect to the High Court order in the ne way as it would give effect to an order made by a county court judge. There was still a High Court and county courts with separate but overlapping jurisdictions.

However, both courts were part of the same civil jusce system. It would be absurd today, when there was a process of merger between the High Court and county court, if it were necessary for a separate order to be made in the coun-

ty court.
While it might not be appropriate for the county court to make an order in relation to the High Court, their Lordships could see no diffi-culty in the High Court making an order in relation to the county

The orders which Mr Justice Neuberger made were ones which he had been enotied to make. It was important that any such orders should be sufficiently certain so as to enable the person who was the subject of the orders to know what he was enotied to do and what he was not entitled to do. These orders met that require-

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and were quashed. Their Lordships considered it appropriate to make some observa-dons on the assistance which could and should have been before the

> of assistance to the judge wbo would preside over the retrial. The limitations or exceptions to the defence of duress had been de-veloped because: "Duress must never be allowed to be the easy an-

defence of duress to jury nor of those who readily could have avoided the dominance of threats, nor of those who allow themselves to be at the disposal and under the sway of some gangster-tyrant see DPP for Northern

Explaining limitations of

freland v Lynch [1975] AC 653, Guidance was given on the assist-Two limitations on the defence ance a trial judge should give of duress had developed: when the limitations or exceptions I "A man must not voluntarily put to the defence of duress had to be himself in a position where he is likely to be subjected to such comconsidered by a jury.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Division, allowed the appeals of nulsion": and 2"If a person can avoid the effects Tony Baker and Alan Ward of duress by escaping from the threats, without damage to himself against their convictions on July 23, 1998 at Croydon Crown Court (Judge Pullinger and a jury) of pos-sessing a firearm while commitfor to a member of his immediate family), he must do so" see R v ting an offence and of robbery and Sharp ((1987) 85 Cr App R 207). The defence of duress involved

both subjective and objective ele-Mr John Cooper for Baker, Miss Carolyn Marsh for Ward, both assigned by the Registrar of ments. Thus when considering whether the compulsion to which a Criminal Appeals: Miss Amanda defendant claimed to have been subjected amounted to duress, the conduct relied on must be such that any sober person of reasona-ble firmness of a sort similar to the LORD JUSTICE ROCH, giving the reserved judgment of the court. said that it was not disputed that defendant would have reacted in a on February 16, 1998, the appelsimilar way. lants committed a robbery at the

Equally he could not say that he was not able to avoid the effects of duress if a reasonable person of a sort similar to the defendant in his position would have done so.

Nor could an accused be heard to say that he had not voluntarily put himself in a position where he was likely to be subjected to duress if he knew or was aware that that was what he was doing.

Where the evidence in a case

raised the second limitation to the defence of duress, the direction to be given had to be worded in a way appropriate to the particular case, in some situations the evidence might be so clear that the judge would be enritled to rule that the de-

fence was not open to the accused. for example, where he had joined a terrorist organisation or a gang of armed robbers. In other cases, the accused might have joined criminal groups

where the question whether he had by so doing voluntarily placed himself in a position where he was aware that he was likely to be subjected to duress would be less clear and the issue would have to be left to the jury. In another type of case the ac-

cused, although not joining a gang or organisation, might have in-volved himself in criminal activities which brought him into con-tact with other criminals in circumstances where the accused knew or was aware that if he defaulted to fulfilling his role or in discharging obligations he had assumed in rela don to the other criminals he would be subjected to such computsion. Drug dealing on a scale which was significant could be

which it was appropriate to leave to the jury the question whether the accused bad voluntarily put themselves in a position where they were likely to be subjected to

The defence of duress would not be available to an accused in that situation if be was aware that there was a risk of pressure by way of violence or threats of death or violence to him or a member of his immediate family being brought to bear upon him.

The purpose of the pressure had to be to coerce the accused into committing a criminal offence of the type for which he was being tried. the accused had no reason to anticipate such pressure he would be entitled to rely upon duress."

The requirement for the defendant to be an active member of the group was applicable to cases where the defendant had joined a terrorist gang or criminal group and enabled a defendant to take advantage of the defence of duress where he had ceased to be a member of the gang or group: set R v Lewis ((1993) 96 Cr App R 412.

In the instant case the jury, having been directed on duress, could then have been directed that if they found it reasonably possible that the accused were instructed to rob the store and subjected to the compulsion they described when they gave evidence, and that a man of reasonable firmness would have vielded to such threats and carried out the robbery, then two further questions arose. First, had the prosecution

proved that the accused could have neutralised the threats by seeking the assistance of the police?

The prosecution were stying that the accused could have done so and that any reasonable person in their posicion would have done so. The accused were saying that the police could not have provided effective protection for themselves and their families against the men who had come to threaten then. If the jury's answer to that cues-

would not have been available. If the answer was "No" the defence would have been available subject to a second question. Had the prosecution proved that

the accused had voluntarily put themselves in a position where they were likely to be subjected to compulsion of the necessary bind to commit offences to obtain mon-

If the jury answered that question "Yes" the defence of duress the accused. If the jury answered that question "No" then the defence of duress would have been

Solicitors: CPS, Croydon,

## Costs order after discharge not a bankruptcy debt

Glenister v Rowe

Belore Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment April 21]

A costs order made after the debtor was discharged from bankruptcy in proceedings which commenced prior to his bankruptcy was not a "bankruptcy debt" within the meaning of section 382(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and accordingly the debtor was liable to pay the

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal brought by the creditor, Margaret Anne Rowe, against the decision of Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC, sitting as a deputy Chancery Division judge on June 10, 1998, when she discharged the order of Deputy Registrar Jacques and set aside a statutory demand for £16.531.35 which had been served on the debtor, Graham Den-

Section 281 of the 1986 Act provides: "... where a bankrupt is dis-charged, the discharge releases

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Section 382 provides: "(I) Bankruptcy debt', in relation to a bankrupt, means ... (a) any debt or liability to which he is subject at the commencement of the bankruptcy..." Mr Jamie Riley for Mrs Rower Mr Mark Arnold for Mr Glenisler.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that on June 4. 1985 Mrs Rowe issued proceedings against Mr Glenister and others for declaratory relief, accounts and inquiries and damages for breach of trust.

On October 5, 1990 Mr Glenister was unsuccessful in applying to the master to strike out the case for want of prosecution. On June 20, 1991 Mr Justice Millett discharged the order of the master and struck

out Mrs Rowe's claim. On July 29, 1991 Mrs Rowe filed a notice of appeal against the order of Mr Justice Millett. On June 24, 1992 Mr. Glenister was made bank-

On May II, 1994 Mrs Rowe was given leave to proceed with the ap-peal to the Court of Appeal. On

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June 24, 1995 Mr Glenister was discharged from bankruptcy.

On July 25, 1995 Mrs Rowe's appeal was allowed with an order for costs against Mr Glenister up to June 8, 1992 and the costs after June 21. 1995 to be paid by Mr Glen-ister's trustee in bankruptcy.

On September 5, 1996 the costs were taxed. On December 3, 1997 a statutory demand was issued by Mrs Rowe's solicitors. On December 22. 1997 Mr Glenister applied to set aside the statutory demand. On March 26, 1998 Deputy Registrar Jacques refused to set the

statutory demand aside and authorised Mrs Rowe to present a bankruptcy petition. On Mr Glenister's appeal, Miss Dohmann set the statutory de-mand aside. She held that the sum included in the statutory demand was a contingent liability within

and fell to be met out of the bankrupt's estate.

Mr Riley argued that a contingent liability was a legal liability to pay money or money's worth which arose out of an existing and

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the meaning of section 382(1)(a)

binding obligation but which was suspended on the occurrence of a future event. Contingent debt and contingent

liability were not defined in the The cases on the subject could be divided into those pre and post 1986. In the former category were In re British Gold Fields of West Africa (1899) 2 Ch 7), In re a Debt-

ford ([1924] 2 Ch 260) Post 1986 cases included In re-Wisepark Ltd [[1994] BCC 221), In Elleen Davies ([1997] BPIR 619). Mr Riley also cited In re Wil-

or ([1911] 2 KB 652) and In re Pitch-

liam Hockley ([1962] 1 WLR 555). Community Development Party Ltd v Engwirda Construction Com-pany (1969) 120 CLR 455) and Fed-eral Commissioner of Taxation v Gosstray ([1986] VR 876). Mr Arnold challenged the cor-

reciness of the later cases relied upon by Mr Riley arguing that they were decided per incuriam since In re Sutherland (1963) AC 235) had not been died. In his Lordship's judgment the claim for costs in the present case

date of the bankruptcy and Mrs Rowe was entitled to make the statutory demand.

The costs of legal proceedings were in the discretion of the court and until the order was made there was no obligation or liability to pay them. Once legal proceedings commenced there was always a risk of costs. An order for costs was a contin-

gency which might or might not hannen. The fact the order for costs created an obligation to pay was not sufficient to make a claim a 'contingent liability". Prior to the court order, there

was no present or future liability. It was never certain a court would make an order. The discretionary tion to costs precluded it from being a liability, contingent or other-

Lord Justice Thorpe delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Jus-tice Buder-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Stone Rowe Brewer, Twickenham: Brooke North, Hol-

### Relief not available Mr Fidelis Oditah for the plain-Mr George Laurence, OC, sittiffs; Mr David Donaldson, QC

On Demand Information pic in administrative receivership) and Another v Michael Gerson (Finance) plc and An-

Before Mr George Laurence, QC Judgment March 5]

from forfeiture was to restore the status quo between the parties. such relief could not be granted where property leased to one of the parties could no longer be restored to its owner, as was the case when the lessor had already sold the

ting as a deputy Chancery Divi-sion judge, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the motion for relief against forfeiture of the plaintiffs. On Demand Information plc and On Demand Information International plc, both in administrative receivership, the lesment from the defendants, Michael Gerson (Finance) plc and Michael Gerson (Investments) Ltd. under finance leases, and ordering that money paid toto an escrew ac count in accordance with the order of Mr Justice Harman dated

March 5. 1998 be paid out with in-

in a manner precluded by section 35(11) of the Environmental Protec-

His Lordship rejected that con-

First, for reasons expressed in

Mineral Resources, there was a

strong argument based on public interest for concluding that, so long as a company had some re-

sources which would enable it to

comply with a licence, it should not

be able to get rid of the licence by

going into liquidation and having

ceased to have any assets so that it

was in practice wholly incapable of complying with the licence, there

was no good reason for the compa-

ny, and therefore for the licence, to

Second, in Mineral Resources

what was being proposed by the liq-

uidator was a specific step, the sole

aim of which was to put an end to

the licence by disclaiming it, a pur-

pose in direct conflict with the pro-visions of section 35(11) of the 1990

In the instant case, what was

proposed was a company's dissolu-

oon, which was not intended to

have as its aim the determination ol a licence, the determination was

an incidental by product of the dis-

bility, that the licence vested in the

Turning to the alternative possi-

The main reason was that the

only party which would be detri-

make no representations.

fer, the dissolution of the company

by applying under section 201(3) of the 1986 Act.

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objections

quidator disclaim the licence.

However, once such a company

tion Act 1990.

tendon for two reasons.

and Mr Hugh Tomlinson for the HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs entered into four finance leasing agreements in substantially identical terms between September 1994 and May 1995, under which video and editing equipment worth approximately E650,000 was leased from one or

other, or both of the defendants, with whom legal and beneficial ownership remained at all times, for an initial period of three years. On February 12, 1998 the plaintiffs went into administrative receivership, causing the defendants

to repudiate each of the leases. On February 20, 1998 the receivers sold the second plaintiffs' New Media Publishing division as a going concern, complete with the

leased equipment. The plainoffs had no title to sell and had not complied with the conditions in the leases permitting them to sell as agent for the defend-

On March 5, 1998 the plaintiffs obtained the leave of Mr Justice Harman to sell the business and pay the gross proceeds of sale of the equipment, about £132,839 into an escrow account in the name of the plaintiffs' solicitors. The plaintiffs admitted that he

equipment could have been seld for approximately £251,617, also that the sale had cost the defendants a number of tax advantage Applying the tripartite test le-

vised by Lord Wilberforce in Skiloh Spinners Ltd v Harding ([193] AC 691, 723], there would have been a case for granting relief had the equipment not been sold. Restoration of the status quo

quired the lessee to pay the secondary rentals and abide by the other terms of the agreement if it wished to continue to use and possess he equipment, or to comply strigtly with the notice period so as to been titled to sell as the lessors agent. Neither possibility existed in the present case. Solicitors: Walker Merris.

Crown as bona vacantia on dissolu-Leeds: Royds Treadwell. tion, his Lordship said that that did not prevent the company's dissolu-

### Corrections

gument, the judge accepted an amended statement of claim which removed all reference to conspiracy and put the case on the footing that the second and fourth defendants acted for the third defendant with the knowledge that the subsales were not to be reported when the plaintiff required them to be and therefore they could be lubbe

Times April 21) Mr Courtenay Griffiths, QC, appeared for Nelsor. In R v DPP, Ex parte Lee The Times April 26) the principles tated apply to cases which may be

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# In Paragon Finance plc v Hare (The Times April I) after further ar-

mentally affected by the company being dissolved would be the Crown. Despite being given the opportunity the Crown had chosen to In those circumstances it was not for the court to take upon itself to refuse to grant relief sought on the basis that it might detrimentalaffect a person who had made no for knowing receipt. Second, it might be that the in R v Jones: R v Nelson The Crown could prevent, or at least de-

Solicitors: Bell Wright & Dallman, Gainsborough: Mr Ric Navtried on indictment as well as the which must be tried on indictnent

### Mr Justice Longmore to set it aside der", was not a consent order. Mr Dean acknowledged that the basis on which the matter was conducted before Mr Justice Longmore turned out to be built on the

But it was not drawn as a consent order ordinarily would be drawn, in the time-hallowed words by consent it is ordered that..." It was impossible to discern

Dr Al-Ani in person; Mr Jacob Dean for Mr Shubber; Mr Neil Vickery for the National Bank of

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that the issue was whether Mr Jusrice Rougier's order was truly an order made by consent thus entitling

> edifice of a consent order. The order by recording "... and the defendant consending to such order for production \_. " gave an indication of some consent having been given.

from the transcript of what had tak-

that any consent had been given to There bad been no obvious understanding in the mind of the de-

lendant whose first language was not English. Confusion bad been When the judge made his order recapitulating the events it had not

If there was no consent then Mr Dean acknowledged that he could

Mr Justice Rougier, it was for the Court of Appeal to correct it, not for a judge in the court below. Lord Justice Sedley gave a con-

Solicitors: Lloyd Cooper, Pett-

### Licence no bar to dissolution of company ties in 1997 and Mr Henry was ap-106(1) and 201(2) of the 1986 Act. In re Wilmott Trading Ltd pointed liquidator. As the compathen the mere existence of the li-

Before Mr Justice Neuberger Dudgment March 311 There was nothing in company law, insolvency law or environmenral protection law which prevented the dissolution of an insolvent company which held a waste manage

meni licence. Mr Justice Neuberger so held in the Chancery Division when making a declaration and five directions sought by Neil Henry, liqui-dator of Wilmott Trading Company Ltd. The Environment Agency were the respondents.

Mr Steven Woolf for the liquidadrew MacNab for the Environ meni Agency. MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that Wilmott Trading Ltd was the holder of a waste management

licence which permitted the stor-

age of scrap metals and other mate-

rials at a recycling facility.

ny had insufficient resources to pay its creditors, Mr Henry considered that the appropriate course was for him to prepare an account of winding up in accordance with section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 with a view to the company being dissolved pursuant to section 201(2) of that Act. The first point that arose in rela-

don to the application was given that the company held a waste management licence could it be said that "the company's affairs are fully wound up" for the purposes of section 106, or did the continued ownership of the licence pre-

vent the company from being dis-Citing In re London and Caledonian Marine tnsurance Company ([1879] It Ch D [40] with approval, his Lordship said that once the liquidator was left only with sufficient

company law, the continued ownership of a licence by the company did not prevent it from being dis-His Lordship then considered whether, if the company were dissolved, did the possibility that ei-ther the licence ceased to vest in anyone or became vested in the

cence plainly would not prevent

Accordingly, as a matter of pure

him from saying that the compa ny's affairs were fully wound up.

Considering the possibility that the licence vested in no one, his Lordship said that in those circumstances it would seem to follow that the licence effectively ceased to ex-

Crown prevent dissolution?

Mineral Resources Ltd [1999] 1 All ER 746) it could be said that a company holding a licence could not be dissolved because that would lead

### funds to enable him to comply with Order was not made with consent

Al-Ani v Shubber Before Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Sedley

Judgment February 25] In the absence of evidence of agreement between the parties an order. form, that included the words "the defendant consenting to such an or-

The Court of Appeal, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Dr Abdul-Haq Al-Ani against an interlocutory order of Mr Justice Longmore on June 17, 1998, held that an interlocutory order made by Mr Justice Rougier on April 8, 1998, for the production of documents, including books of account at the National Bank of Abu Dhabi, under the Bankers Books (Evidence) Act 1879 by the defendant. Mr Majed Naji Shubber, was not founded on consent so that Mr Justice Longmore had no jurisdiction to interen place before Mr Justice Rougier anything at all.

been made with consent. The order was not a consent order.

> not require one judge of the Queen's Bench Division to impugn the judgment of another. If there was an error made by

curring judgment.

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Prunella Scales with (from left) Steven Pacey, Nigel Terry and Timothy West in Pinter's first play. The Birthday Party, dismissed by the critics as "lunatic ravings" in 1958

# Gibberish worth revisiting

s Harold Pinter's first full-length play, finely staged by Sam Mendes at the National only five year ago, in need of yet another reival? Of course it is; and not just because we critics should be regularly reminded that re have a duty to be humble when confronted with strange new work. What this meas only Mr Pinter knows, for is characters speak in non-squiturs, half-gibberish and unatic ravings," wrote The vuardian back in 1958. summing up the general view - yethe abstruse flop is now acknowledged as one of the 's key works.

Wty? The words stay the same but the play changes, depending on what is going on in the world and the spectator's

mind. A shabby, messy, outof-work pianist festers in the dullest boarding house even the British seaside has produced. At the Piccadilly the very roses on the wallpaper are dying of boredom. In come two men in suits. Without doing anything obviously violent they break his spirit. They tease, accuse, pester, sneer, play disconcerting games cart off a speechless but neatly dressed wreck to God knows

Joe Harmston, the play's latest director, does not tilt his production in any single, special direction. If you wish, can see Timothy West's big. fake-genial Goldberg, with his preposterously curly, platinum-coloured wig, and Nigel



Terry's fidgety, white-haired McCann as krakens from the depths of the troubled mind of Steven Pacey's Stanley. You can see them as importunate representatives of the society the young man has tried to escape. As Pinter himself once said: "The hierarchy, the Establishment, the socio-religious monsters arrive to effect censure and alteration upon a member of the club who has discarded responsibility." But he has also intimated

sound was much heard in Germany in the 1930s, could well have been repeated in Blackpool or Bournemouth in the 940s, and may now be resonating in dissident homes in the Balkans. You betray our breed," "You betray our land," We can sterilise you": the taunting voices are Irish and Jewish, as they must be, but there is still something of the ethnic deanser in them. The revival's tiny chronological tricks - we get the original refetences to 1950s High Street shops, but also a glimpse of a headline about racism in a modern tabloid - surely en-

courage that line of thought.

that no European who has sat

in dread of a certain sort of

knock on the door could fail to

understand the piece. That

I have seen more sinister, disturbing productions of the play. Sudden switches of light cannot substitute for a lack of human intensity when mental torrure is on the agenda. Yet the acting is mostly strong. West and Terry catch the nervy insecurity as well as the determination of the tormentors; Pacey, all matted hair and balky body language at

gulp, sob, giggle and gibber his way to his grim apotheosis; Prunella Scales, pink hair-curlers toppling down her forehead, is memorably dim as a landlady who sees and learns nothing. Yes, it's good to see The Birthday Party again.

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# baffled enough

Frankly, not

nthony Shaffer, the au-thor of this celebrated thriller, is described in the programme biography as currently working on a new play. How nice for him if it runs as long as his first. But I wouldn't bank on it.

In the years since Sleuth first bamboozled audiences back in 1970, none of his plays has found a fraction of the same favour, unlike his screenplays - Frenzy for Alfred Hitchcock and The Wicker Man — which certainly climb to similar heights of contriv-ance and terror. Even the remarkable achievement of Sleuth (some 2,359 performances in the West End alone) looks surprising in the light of this Mobil Touring Theatre revival.

As with The Mousetran there is only so much one can say about the treble-crossing plot. Peter Bowles and Michael Maloney are together on stage for the first act, but I should not like to say this is the case in the second. Bowles plays the arrogantly appalling Andrew Wyke, detective novelist of the snobbish old school that sneered at the social ignorance of policeman - "Frankly, sir, we in the Force are baffled" — who inevitably trail behind the polymathic brilliance

Wyke's amateur is St John Lord Merridew, seemingly a waddling barrel of lard but of course supremely gifted in the art of downgrading the profes-sional. The ludicrous solution he comes up with in Wyke's latest novel. The Corpse on the Tennis Court — Frankly, my lord, we in the Force, etc. — is an excellent parody by Shaffer of the insanely inventive originals. The only criticism I have to make of Andrew Leigh's supremely duttered set - imagine a toyshop inside a Victori-an morgue — is that the lifesized model of Merridew slumped in an armchair quite lacks the proper bulk,

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Maloney plays Milo Tindle, half-Italian and quarter-Jew-ish, in love with Wyke's wife. This low-caste creature, as Wyke sees him, needs to be taught a lesson, and in the course of the play's two acts this lesson, and others issuing from it, are duly taught.

While clearly fascinated by the games-playing mentality of detective writers, Shaffer is fiercely critical of the xenophobic, racist attitudes that could accompany it — and this anger, fuelling Milo's psychology and the looping plot of Sleuth, helps to make the play special: both an example and a criticism of the genre. But to those of us who remember the loops, the first half's plotting plods. Even someone new to the play, and quickly grasping that all cannot be as it seems, will chafe at the laborious preparation for the changes in mood.

Peter Wilson's direction can't exactly be faulted, be-cause Maloney and Bowles move interestingly around the set's two levels, and the pace quickens when the plot thickens. When the plot thins out again the lack of pace is the author's responsibility. In these areas the characters turn back into cardboard but elsewhere Maloney (though he looks as Italian as an loelander) and Bowles inject some touches of reality.

Bowles's bitter mouth, air of condescending cruelty and childlike hurt are to the purpose. Maloney in investigative mode sounds absurdly like Long John Silver with asthma. but his cold passion comes across as real. It is the play itself that now seems as antique as the originals it skewered.

JEREMY KINGSTON

### Luke Clancy on the latest moves by Cork's innovative Corcadorca company

Sining with a cup of tea in the yellowing cafe of Cork's Crawford Gallery. Enda Walsh smiles happily. At ne end of a long, long derelopment of his latest play, the Diblin-born writer seems excited with the results. He smiles a great deal as he speaks even if there is a hint of manic exhaustion in his

oright eyes.
There has been plenty of time for Walsh to grow ored of Misterman, the follow-up to his award-winning, globe-trot-ting Disco Pigs. After all, he produced his first draft of the play in an energetic rush back in 1997. Since then the script has been subject to the unique developmental techniques of Corcadorca, one of the most innovative and driven of Irish theatre companies.

Corcadorca — the name hints at an interest in the darker side of their home town -as been in existence since 1991. Founded by director Pat Kieman, the company took on the shape it has today when Walsh joined in 1993. "Pat wanted someone who could cript, a kind of lyricist for vhatever he wanted to do: and hat's me," says Walsh. The reative core of the outfit re-nains Walsh and Kiernan. with a close circle of colleagues involved in sound, lighting and design.

Uter a production of Wish's The Ginger Ale Boy. he company became galvaused as a theatrical force. It phed a celebrated version of dekwork Orange in Cork in M, but it was with the next now, Disco Pigs, that the comany began to attract interna-

The play, about two Cork year-olds on the rampage trough the night-time city. emed like a long-awaited rease of pressure, like an unrground river of linguistic tergy that had suddenly



He writes, he acts: Enda Walsh in his new play Misterman

on to stage the first Irish pro-

duction of Sarah Kane's Phae-

dra's Love. Now, however.

they are again at work on a

development there was still no

breakthrough on the casting of

Misterman. It was a chance re-

mark from playwright Tom

Murphy that prompted Walsh

The one-man show, which opened at the Granary Thea-

tre in Cork on Monday night,

tells the story of Thomas, an

apparently disturbed young

man with strong religious lean-ings, whose almost Tridentine religious fervour leads him to

take a dim view of life in the

imaginary village of Innisfree.

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Walsh's performance is driv-

to play the role himself.

After an extensive workshop

piece by Walsh.

found the surface. Walsh's writing took the almost yodelling cadences of everyday Cork speech and formed them into a private language for his ultraviolent teenagers.

Kiernan's direction turned the urban setting into a kind of nasty sci-fi location, and Walsh's dialogue, bubbling with oddly lyrical Cork slang, compounded the sense of otherworldliness. The piece travelled to the Edinburgh Festi-val, after which two separate casts embarked on international tours. Audiences seemed simply astonished at what

they were seeing.

The main thread of our work, I suppose, is that we are dealing with very vulnerable. emotionally unstable people," says Walsh, a point underlined when the company went

coloured toytown set, writhing in Aedin Cosgrove's gelatinous lighong and at one point ranting in a shower of onstage rain. Other voices pop up in Cormac O'Connor's soundtrack which runs constantly, adding mood music, or dousing Walsh's live words in brittle electronic reverb, but for the most part the audience listens as the playwright narrates Thomas's insanity.

The retro leanings of Mister-man are somewhat startling after Disco Pigs' slick futuris-tic feel, and there are hints of Pat McCabe - "but you know," says Walsh, "Pat Mc-Cabe doesn't run the monopoly for writing about rural freland. And Corcadorca's stamp on the traditional elements is distinctive."

hat distinctive stamp will be seen in Edinburgh once again this year when Misterman opens at the festival. And the company plans to experiment in areas far beyond the theatre. Once Misterman is up and running the company moves on to a short film, written by Walsh, about a family that wakes one Christmas to find Santa dead under the tree, after which the company is coproducing a radio play. Four Big Days in the Life of Dessie Banks. Walsh is also into his fourth draft of the film version of Disco Pigs. Later in the year, Bedbound. Corcadorca's Walsh-penned co-production with London's Bush Theatre,

will open. For the new century, Coreadorca has already planned an enormous passion play for the streets of Cork next Good Friday. A strange turn for a group that made its name with a raucous drama about teenage kicks? "Well," says Walsh. we still know a good story



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Sheila Johnston on

Artemisia, a

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he two women bend forward intently over their task, their sleeves rolled back as though they were kneading dough or plucking a chicken. But they are not absorbed in some comforting everyday domestic chore. Instead, the object of their attentions is a man, whom they

are about to decapitate. The Italian Baroque painting Judith Slaying Holofernes (1612) is acclaimed for its disturbing virtuosity - and celebrated as the work of a woman: Artemisia Gentileschi, often seen as the first successful professional female artist. Now she is the subject of a film, Artemi-

sia, which opens in Britain on May 7. Its director, Agnes Merlet, became in-terested in Genoleschi when she came across Judith Slaying Holofernes while studying art history, "This subject is a recurring theme in painting, but generally Judith is depicted with a cut-off head beside her." she says. "Here we see her in the act, and all the suffering, blood and screaming. I was fascinated by the way it was at the same time very sensual and ferocious, yet somehow detached from the violence. And I was stunned that it was painted by a woman. f realised Artemisia identified with Judith and wor-

dered what had led her to feel this way." Merlet's film explores the stark events behind this strange and intense vision. But it has also provoked some violent reactions in its own right. The crux of the cootroversy is a key event in Artemisia's life. Her father, Orazio Genfileschi, also an artist, had hired Agostino Tassi, a minor landscape painter, to give his daughter lessons in perspective. Instead of instructing her, Tassi deflowered her, and, although he had promised to marry her, it turned out he already had a wife. Orazio sued him for injury and damage, in a trial of which the transcript survives. But in the film, far from agreeing she had been raped. Artemisia insists on her love for Tassi. And it's the pain of their enforced and permanent separation which, according to Merlet's screenplay, inspired her work.

This interpretation has infuriated American art historians and feminists. When the movie opened in New York last year, Roger Ward Bissell, who is preparing the catalogue raisonne of all known works by Artemisia, described it as "almost perverse". Meanwhile, Gloria Steinern and Mary Garrard. the author of the first major biography of the artist, invited feminists to picket screenings, claiming the movie encouraged stereotypes of women failing in love with their rapists.

erlet, however, sticks by her version. "I'm accused of not following the records of the trial to the letter, which is true. They can be read in different ways. There was indeed a violent sex act between Artemisia and Tassi, but afterwards they continued to have physical relations for nine months. There's evidence which speaks of her love for Tassi and evi-

dence which speaks of rape. For me, it was a loving relationship." Merlet dismisses her detractors as dogmacc and old-fashioned women's



cai Sevenines-style terminist: a supporter of women's struggle against men. Her view claims that Artemisia was an innocent, savagely seduced as though she knew nothing of men. But I wanted to show her not simply as a victim who was raped and then got her revenge through her work, but as a more modern figure, ahead of her time, who took charge of her life and fought alongside men, not against them, for equal rights."

Perhaps the main conclusion to be drawn from this affair is the excitability of the American political correctness lobby - and the extent to which it can be manipulated by hard-nosed business interests. Miramax, whose aggressive marketing tactics secured multiple distributor. It originally sold the film as a piece of arty erotica, with a poster describing its heroine - played by the young Italian actress Valendna Cervi - as "sexy" and "provocaove". But the company hastily amended its campaign to cash in on the objections. "I warned Miramax that some feminists were opposed to it, and they contacted them to show them the film," Merlet

says. "They encouraged the attacks." In both France and Italy, by contrast, Artemisia was positively received, and its UK distributor says it does not expect a boycott here by outraged feminists. Certainly, the art historian Griselda Pollock, professor at the

takes a measured view. "The evidence does not support the view that this was a love story." she says. She also disagrees with the importance attached to the rape for Pollock, the defining trauma in Artemisia's life was the early loss of her mother.

But, she adds, "I'm not against the film because she has said something interesting using the material. I admire the ways in which the director has struggled to understand how sexuality. passion and an intensity of interest in the world were important for the artist. Agnes Merlet has every right to make a compelling drama - it was never intended as art history."

### Sound and fury of war

imeless as the Greek: histories are, there are, times when their momentous subject-matter seems more relevant than ever; When we are assailed daily with images of war, a treat ment of the legendary Greek battles by a committed pacific of our own age serves to focis! sharply on the complex emptions engendered.

Michael Tippett's oper King Priam was presented in concert form as part of Radio 3's Sounding the Century festval. With a uniformly strug cast and a powerful performance by the BBC National Crchestra and Chorus of Wals and the BBC Singers uncer David Atherton, this was a reading of barely mitigated erocity, driving home the mssage of lethal acts unleasted by brutalised sensibilities. The ubiquitous brass tek-

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ets and drum tattoos (criply articulated) create an verpresent air of military actity. But by placing Priam at the centre of the work, Tipperensures that the drama ishuman, personal and affectig. Priam is seen as guil-rid-

den, anxious, longing for death, and David Wilson-Jhnson encompassed the whole range with impressive resurces and stamina. Pushingaimself to the limits - and arparently struggling with a cld he engaged our sympathis, as he must, not least in hisreaction to the death of his sorHector, moaning with grielover rocking lower strings.

As his adversary Acilles, Martyn Hill rose to the pignantly lyrical challenge of is lament for the homelard, O rich-soiled land, accompnied by the guitar of Steve mith. Stephen Roberts and Mchael George were excellent a Hector and the Old Man, while John Graham-Hall hadill the youthful ardour for Part.

On the distaff side, susan Bullock and Susan fickley were both formidable as lecuba and Andromache, wille Susan Parry paradoxically projected less passion as the fatefully loved Helen, though the cool control in her hymru power of love spoke elociently of her dangerous singlemindedness. Other parts wee well taken by Mary King Neil Jenkins. Jeremy Huv Williams and Daniel Norman.

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Pogorelich in quirky form

**TOMORROW** New movies reviewed

Sound GALLERIES: William Kentridge's London show portrays the continuing turmoil of his homeland. Richard Cork reports

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solated on a black wall, three lamps dangle in the darkness. They look fragile, and could easily be torn down from their slender cords. But for the moment they manage to function, spreading white splinters of light through the gloom.

Posidoned in the opening room of William Kentridge's

exhibition at the Serpentine, the lamps seem to act as a symbol of his hopes for art. He wants to tell the truth, not only about the traumatic history of his native South Africa but the human condition as a whole. At the same time, though, he is acutely aware of the difficuloes hampering such an aim. This dual ability, to bear witness and yet concede that the ambition is thwarted at every

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turn, gives his work its jarring, anguished conviction, If he had lived a few centuries ago, Kentridge might well have channelled his protesting and intensely theatrical imagination into print-making. Both Hogarth and Goya, im-pelled by the urge to dissect the follies of their age, be-

graphic art. Line is the basis of Kentridge's work, too, but he uses cinematic techniques to give his draughtsmanship a leaping, constantly changing dynamism.

By filming his charcoal and pastel drawings, then reworking or erasing them and recording the alterations at every stage, he has developed his own style of animation. Although the influence of Beck-mann, Grosz and Kollwitz gives Kentridge's films a pronounced Expressionist flavour, they end up as the inimi-table product of a conscience scarred since childhood by the abomination of apartheid.

The son of a lawyer who represented victims' families after the Sharpeville massacre, when 72 black South Africans were killed by police, Ken-tridge undoubtedly welcomed the triumph of the ANC in 1994. But his films since that

hen a dealer comes up with a

loan show, even one staged

ed by the past as his earlier work. At the century's end, he is in no mood to regard South Africa with complacency. His show never stops battering us with baleful images of greed, hatred and violence.

Kentridge knows he can nev-er define the full extent of the barbarity. But that does not stop him arraigning it with all the linear power he can muster. Avoiding the pitfall of making his targets too diffuse, he concentrates on the corrosive

figure of Soho Eckstein.

In the earliest film shown here, the pin-striped Soho is a property developer who builds all over Johannesburg. Kentridge calls it the "second greatest city after Paris", but the urban panorama shown here is

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nightmarish. It certainly unsettles Fe-<sup>6</sup>He never lix Teitlebaum, a dreamer whose dazed nakedness with contrasts · malevo-Sono's lence. The two men end up fighting each other in the city's sewage pools. but there is no sign of goodness tri-umphing. Felix, who resembles Kentridge him-

self, succeeds only in bringing love to Soho's neglected wife, and two years later she returns to her husband in another film, Sobriety. Obesity & Growing Old. But this work does not let Soho triumph. He watches his empire crumble, and Kentridge invades the film with apocalyptic images of disintegrating office blocks. But Felix is unable to benefit from the obliteration of wealth. He

derness, stunned by the spectacle of a country condemned to destruction without end. The wrenching power of these short films is cumulative. At first, Kentridge's relentless transformations may seem frenetic and hard to absorb. After a time, however, the underlying pathos be-comes clear. Far from simply indulging in an orgy of annihilation, the films show how the

incessant turmoil impedes any

finds himself alone in the wil-

attempt to keep hold of history. Everything is continually undergoing a metamorphosis, and the ensuing confusion means that the past rapidly becomes obscured Felix in Exile is the film where the problem is addressed most disturbingly. Although he has fled to a room

in a foreign country, Felix can-not, escape his burdensome memories. The walls around him turn into the East Rand countryside clogged with corpses. However unavoida-The danger of forgetting

apartheid's victims came more painfully into focus when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission began its public ses-

sions in 1996. Kentridge must have believed that South Africa could only find a way forward by admitting to the horrors of racist hysteria. Placing Soho Eckstein in a hospital bed, still dressed in pin-stripes but suffering from a coma, he made a superb film called History of the Main Complaint. Breathing through an oxygen mask, the prostrate Soho is at-tached to a CAT scan where the inside of his body is juxta-posed with memories of atrocities he once witnessed.

We are confronted by his eyes, caught in the rear-view mirror of his car as he drives along a bleak highway past sil-houetted figures bearing and killing. Soho's condition appears to deteriorate as he revisits the carnage he once avoided. Only when a corpse hits his windscreen and shatters the glass does he emerge from the coma. The shook of finally confronting the reality of internecine strife restores him to health, but Kentridge refuses to present Soho's recovery in a wholly positive light. He soon reverts to his customary profitgrabbing role, as if nothing had caused him to question his old priorities after all.

not change anything, gives Kentridge's work its bite. He persists in pursuing the grimhistory, and in 1991 resurrec ed Alfred Jarry's Ubu Roi for a harrowing film collage where drawn animation is deployed alongside documentary footage of South African upheavals. The archive material reflects the fact that Kentridge

themselves or their artist friends. The portraits are all in various graphic media: etching, drypoint, lithograph. Though the show begins with a Rembrandt self-portrait etching, the vast majority of the artists are 20th-century Brits. There are two from Edgar Holloway's long series of self-portraits, one from 1932, the other from 1991. James Pryde and William Nicholson, the Begperstaff Brothers of poster fame (actualbrothers-in-law), draw each other. William Roberts portrays himself, not very flatteringly, in 1924, and Stephen Conray and Anthony Green bring the



Kentridge's Consultation: 10 Doctors (1996). Using charcoal and pastel drawings and film, the artist builds up a deeply pessimistic view of life in the old South Africa and the new

ble they may seem, though, the bodies soon dissolve into the earth. So Felix, having been tortured by their pres ence, now finds himself bewildered by their absence.

his oscillation, be-tween a crusading desire for the facts and a fear that they will mest aspects of his country's

took as his starting-point evidence given to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. But the most excoriating moments in the film still come from his own drawings. With swift, confident strokes

he defines a corture room, where a bound figure is dumped upside-down in a bath, hauled out to hang in mid-air and dropped on his head, individual pain then becomes a collective cry of tor-ment as the camera widens out to show a whole building filled with similar chambers.

Ubu, who starts off looking merely absurd, sheds his ciothes to reveal a robotic body. Resembling a camera on a tripod, it soon becomes a lethal instrument of terror. In the most mortifying scene, the tripod blows up a helpless body - not once or twice, but fragmented limbs end up dispersed in the night sky, useless as evidence in any investigation. Then they vanish altogether, and only a giant eye in the clouds appears as a silent reminder of the enduring need to observe and testify.

In the most recent exhibit Kentridge's mood seems, if anything, more pessimistic, its springboard is Monteverdi's opera The Return of Uiysses to his Homeland, and music plays an often alarming role in this installation. We find ourselves in a darkened arena lit only by three screens flickering on a curved wall. At the centre, a bottle of liquid rises and falls to the sound of someone's laboured breathing.

But the stream of images on the flanking screens becomes torrential. Ulysses is dying in a Johannesburg hospital. We see the surgeon's scalpel at

work in blood-saturated footage. Kentridge returns to the body-scanning he explored in History of the Main Complaint, and moves from sonarblurred embryos in the womb to video of a hurricane demolishing everything in its path.

Both the beginning and the

end of the world are thereby evoked, but the most affecting sequences are, as ever, animated by Kentridge himself. Idyllic Greek landscapes familiar to Ulysses dissolve into a grim South African highway. Hunted figures dart in and out of the tree-lined route, their bodies made spectral by the glare of neadugnts. They arouse feetings of dread; but Kentridge insists that the beams stay full on, regardless of any distress they may cause.

• William Kentridge at the Ser-pentine Gallery (0171-298 1515) un-til May 30

### AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

for charity, the question arises: what is in it for him? But when the of Dutch and Flemish painters from the Golden Age when working on a small scale. The Cabinet Picture was show on offer is as splendid as The Cabinet Picture at Richard Green one hardly need grudge any sales which not a genre in itself, but included exammay accrue: visitors get a scholarly and illuminating guide to the whole ples of nearly all popular genres: land-scapes, still lifes, portraits, religious and mythological pictures. Rather, it was a matter of scale: the pictures were range of Dutch and Flemish cabinet pictures from the 17th century. And in all small and easily transportable, suitthis case "museum quality" is no idle able for prosperous bourgeois who did not have palace walls at their disposal. phrase: few museum shows could boast loans from the National Gallery. There were specialists, but many lead-Dulwich Picture Gallery, the Ashing figures also did it: Hals ta stunning molean, the Fitzwilliam and a host of portrait that hits you from across the less known regional galleries.

The point of the show, curaled by room). Brueghel the Elder, Ruisdael, Savery, Dou, ter Borch, Wouwerman, Christopher Wright, who is also responsible for the informative cata-The show also constitutes a history of logue, is to draw attention to the skills collecting taste in England, from con-

temporaries of the painters right up to our own day. And if, incidentally, it conveys the idea that it is not too late to start collecting, that is fine too.
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DTHE phrase "museum quality might also be applied, in a slightly different sense, to the show Portrait of the Artist at Wolseley Fine Art. This is completely a selling show, staged from stock by the dealer, but it is also designed to tour museums: it will go on to Pallant House in Chichester and the Victoria Art Gallery in Bath. ft is built round the habit of artists of depicting

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### **GREAT BRITISH HOPES**

Rising stars in the arts firmament:

TIM VAN EYKEN

Age: 20.

Profession: Folk singer.

Current status: He recently won BBC Radio 2's Young Folk award, a coveted prize for up and coming performers of traditional music in Britain.

What's the booty? An appearance on Radio 2's Folk On Two and a prime slot this summer at the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Recording activity? Debut solo album New Boots is already available on his own Appledore label and a follow-up album is under way. "I prefer to do it myself than go for a big advance from a major record label. That seems very poor business to me. They end up owning you."

Other claims to fame: At Wells Cathedral School he became the first person to gain a specialist music place on a folk instrument. That was down to Roger Durston, the head of music. He's very open minded,"

How did he start? "We went to all the folk festivals and camped out when I was a kid, and I started playing the penny whistle. I also play guitar and melodeon." Why folk music? "I think people should be aware of their own culture and heritage. That's why I opened with a morris tune at the Young Folk final. People have got hold of Irish music and put lots of energy into it; we need to do that with English folk music, to give it some passion. I try to be as unaffected as I can when I sing, I aim to tell a story, not to show off my voice."

What's next? "I'll be gigging solo and with my hand Dr Faustus and as a duo with Rob Harbron, who is a great concerning player. There are so many different combinations and winning the Young Folk award is going to open a lot of doors.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

### Chopin in a blur

hopin is big enough to with-stand a fair degree of reinven-tion. But what Ivo Pogorelich did in his name on Monday gave more than a short pause for thought. His recent recording of Chopin scherzos gives fair warning of what happens when the insights gained from idiosyncrasy are blurred by eccentricity. This all-Chopin recital revealed still more of this process at work.

Pogorelich has the pianistic means to do almost anything he likes. He has the power to hurl the anger and outrage from those massive opening chords at the start of the Polonaise No 4 in C minor, written in 1839 when Po-land was dominated by Russia. He can control touch and timbre minutely enough to make the central song of the Second Sonata's scherzo seem barely corporeal. And he has the clarity of articulation within the quietest playing to fashion a rare filigree of sound.

But, isolated from coherent interpre-

tation, these skills can become mere effects. And when repeated in constant, predictable sequence these effects can become a substitute for authentic emotional response. Pogorelich's repertoire of gestures gradually took over and fi-nally subordinated the music it was iniended to express.

The two sonatas which formed the pillars of his programme compounded the characteristics of the opening polo-



naises. Surging energy was stultified by rhythms so dislocated, and a pulse so pulverised that the music's natural momentum was all but arrested. The artiess song at the heart of the Second Sonata's scherzo was tormented by rubato so that its contours became distorted out of all recognition, until the mu-sic seemed to vanish into itself.

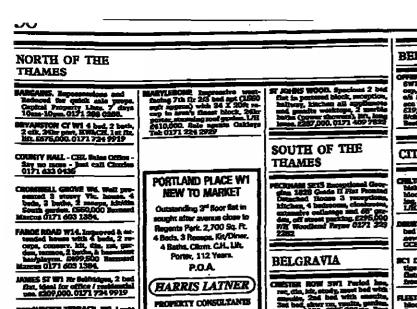
This sense of dissolution was carried to an extreme in the Third Sonata, whose slow movement was attenuated to the point of near absurdity. Despite some applause a significant and in-creasing restlessness became apparent in the audience throughout the second

half of the evening.

Pogorelich's often bewildering recital was given in aid of the historic sites of Yukovar, the town in eastern Croatia which fell in 1991 after three months of bombardment. We bomb; and, in these corporate acts of beneficence or atonement, we rebuild. Who will be giving the benefit recital for Belgrade in five years' time?

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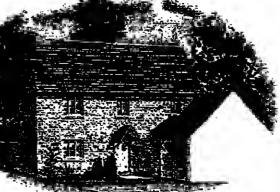
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### Top of the housing market



Both Park show houses have double-height entrance halls with American oak doors

Ireland's housing market is booming - and has been for five years. Ben Wakeham wonders whether there is a lesson there for Britain

ket has been thriving for the past four or five years thanks to the economic boom, low interest rates and European funding. Prices have increased and houses are selling quickly. Last year the Dublin market

rose by 44 per cent, according to First Active, formerly Ireland's biggest building society. Interest-rate cuts have brought the republic in line with lending on the Continent, making property even more attractive.

The Irish market is a fascinaring potential foretaste of what could happen to the British market." says Richard Donnell from Savills. "It is questionable whether we would experience a similar boom, but the cheap cost of money is already fuelling the UK market and would clearly boost the market even more were we to join the euro."

A good example of the buoyancy of the market is the new development of 47 houses in the Dublin suburb of Carrickmines of which 16 of the properties are priced at about IRElmillion, and all were reserved by last weekend.

Mr Donnell says: 'The boom in Ireland's housing market is because of lower levels of interest rates and very strong economic growth. There have been a lot of investors buying property in Ire-land and it has pushed up the prices for ordinary buyers." The most obvious cure for this kind of property boom would be a stiff increase in interest rates, just as happened in Britain in the 1980s, but interest rates have just been lowered on the instructions of the European Central Bank. You are

> Ireland feels that it is on a par with the best in Europe

now able to find mortgage rates lower than 6 per cent. But Mr Donnell does not think that Britain would experience a similar boom if it joined the euro: "People are spending an ever-smaller portion of their income on houses. At the peak of the 1980s, people in Britain were spending 40 per cent of their income on homes, now they are spending 16 per cent. People are saving more, or spending their income on consumer goods or go-

ing out in the evenings.

"Irish investors had a taste for investing at home, but are now being attracted by the higher yields in London. Last year 38 per cent of people huy-ing in new building developments in London were Irish."

Of course, Ireland's tiger economy kick-started the housing market's growth. Growth rates have reached about 9 per cent, according to the Bank of Ireland, which is more than three times that of the UK House prices rose nationally by 17.8 per cent last year, but in Dublin and the surround-ing counties of Kildare, Louth, Meath and Wicklow they rose by 44 per cent.

"The Irish property market is incredibly strong," Andrew Hay, of Knight Frank, says, "It has boomed for the past four or five years - Ireland has never seen such growth. This is fuelled by the economic boom, low interest rates, European funding and a huge lift in national confidence. For the first time in generations. Ireland feels that it is on a par with the best in Europe."

Ronan O'Driscal, from the estate agents Hamilton Osborne King in Dublin, the selling agent for the Carrickmines development, says: "We are seeing more and more millionpunt houses on the market. There is a strong demand with a shortage of housing stock. Many people are moving back



The reception rooms in the Carrickmines show houses by Park Developments have fireplaces and wooden floors

THE development in the exclusive Carrickmines suburb has 16 houses on offer between IRE900,000 (£750,000) and IREL2 million, depending on the size of the garden. The development also in-clines 3! smaller, four to five-bedroom detached houses, selling for between IRES40.000 and IRE625.000.

The two show houses have different layouts Both have four reception rooms and double beight entrance halls

to Ireland and the shortage is

becoming a problem."

Mr Hay says demand is

fuelled by a growth in the

number of domestic buyers:

and many more millionaires.

"There are more incoming overseas buyers," Mr Hay

says. "Traditionally, overseas buyers were looking for a good

complete with American oak doors and overhead windows. One house has a double-height dining room with steps leading to a spacious reception room. The reception rooms have fireplaces, wooden floors and picture windows.

Park Developments has provided. one of the best kitchens available on the market. One of the show houses has four fitted bathrooms, the other five. The most expensive houses have dou-

bedroom houses have less floor space and smaller gardens. They have three reception rooms and a large kitchen with the same units and electrical and gas appliances in the bigger houses. They also have an integrated garage. Stamp duty on a new house is less than that on a previously owned home.

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Buyers of new homes have to pay stamp duty only on the cost of the site.

own their own homes. In 1993, 787,000 people were potential home-owners; by 1998 that had swelled to 932,000. Immigrants outnumbered emigrants by 22,800 last year. Last year 95,000 jobs were created. which is more than the

number created during the

where the 7th Marquess of Bristol spent the last months of his life is for sale. The marquess, who squandered most of his E35 million fortune. died last January after a life

fighong heroin addiction. Little Horringer Hall, a five-bedroom house with stales and a tennis court, lles in the grounds of the former famlly estate in Ickworth, Suffolk. The family's agent. Simon Pott and Company, is selling the house for £600,000.

TYDD St Mary is an arcient village and parish is best known for being home to Eng-land's only pontiff. Adrian IV (Nicholas Brakespear) became Pope in 1154. The Old Rectory, a four-bedroom double Georgian longhouse once owned by the Church, has recently come on to the market. Bldwells' Cambridge office is selling the house for £290,000.

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THE former home of the Archers editor, William Smethhurst, is for sale. When Mr Smethhurst developed the characters of Nigel and Lizzie Pargetter, he used his home. Compton Verney in Warwickshire, as the model for Lower Loxley Hall. The Grade II listed house is set in 40 acres of park, maintained by the Compton Verney museum. It is for sale through Knight Frank's Stratford-upon-Avon office for £315,000.

THE house where the Black Prince is reputed to have been born is for sale. Manor Farm House, Old Woodstock, Oxfordshire, is a Grade II listed manor house. The first recorded mention of the property is in 1342. The house is for sale through John D Wood for £425,000.

THE Dower House, Weybridge, Surrey, forms the centre of a property formerly the 1880s, the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, leased the hunting lodge to Sir George Lewis, the solicitor who represented Oscar Wilde and James McNeill Whistler. The house remained Crown Property until the 1920s. It is for sale through Knight Frank's Esher office for £875,000.

**EMMA GOSNELL** 

THE SEE TIMES

### How to make jolly in one man's great folly

Then the eccentric art collector and writer William Beckford built a folly towering over downland north of Bath in 1825, he boasted that it commanded "the finest prospect in Europe", with views across the Bristol Channel to Wales and into Wiltshire.

His boast still rings true. And, if the tower's owner, the Beckford Tower Trust, and the Landmark Trust, complete their restoration work, four inhabitants will be able to enjoy his folly, and possibly Britain's most romantic home. for the millennium.

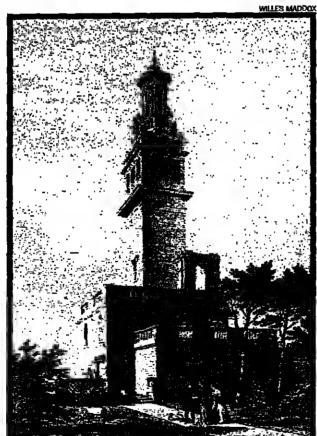
The Landmark Trust was approached by the Beckford Trust to renovate a large area in the tower and make it into four rooms; they hope that, as well as living space, the building will house a small muse-um "It appealed to us because it will be such an excining expenence for Landmarkers to sit in the gilded lantern of the tower," says Peter Pearce, of Landmark. "We see it as the Landmark's millennium project. and we will fund it with our millennium fund."

The most spectacular feature for holidaymakers who hire Beckford's tower, which stands 800ft above sea level, is likely to be the belvedere at the top, which is reached by a spiral staircase. "The experience of sitting in the tower will really be quite special. It is newly gilded and shines like a beacon across Bath," Mr Pearce

External restoration work and the gilding of the lantern by the Beckford Tower Trust are now almost complete, at a cost of more than £650,000. supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and a successful fund-raising appeal. How-ever, a further £40,000 is solt needed. The scheme relies on donations, including those made with bookings for the millennium.

The tower was originally Beckford's retreat. He would ride across the countryside from his home in Lansdown Crescent to admire his extensive art collection displayed in the rooms in the building's

The interiors were goody in their richness: the walls were terracotta, the curtains crimBeckford's tower may be eccentric but it is beautiful, says Rachel Kelly



Beckford's tower was built in 1825 and is now being restored

OTHER PLACES TO foil for four heavy guns, it RENT Appleton Water Tower, near Sandringham, Norfolk, is another Landmark Trust-property The late 19th-century building was designed by Robert Rawlinson with a distant view of the Wash from the

top. It sleeps up to four and has an enclosed garden. Martello Tower, Alde hurgh, Suffolk, is also a Landmark, tower which once helped to keep out Na-poleon. Shaped as a quatrestands in eight acres of salt-ings at the foot of the Orford Ness peninsular, between the River Alde and the sea. It has sleeps up to four with parking near by. St Peter's Church, High-way, near Calne in Wiltshire, was built in 1896 by

William Butterfield. It offers peace and tranquility as a recently converted four-bedroom house. It can be rented through the agents Knight Frank.

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ic Fonthill Abbey in Wiltshire to the design of James Wyatt and lived there until 1822. Unfortunately, only a fragment of

the house survives.

After Beckford's death in 1844, the gardens became a cemetery - where Beckford is buried beside his favourite dog. The tower was converted into a chapel; its interior was gutted by fire in the Thirties. In 1969, the building was made redundant.

Two admirers then bought the building and divided its base into two private flats and two exhibition rooms. More recently, the tower was bought by the Beckford Tower Appeal. Last year the 120ft tower was in danger of collapse. Only the efforts of the trust to raise £100,000 towards repairs has ensured its survival. External restoration work and the gitd-ing took the cost to £650,000.

The Landmark hopes to convert the area into two bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and bathroom. It would sleep four people at a cost of about £250 for a mid-winter fournight break, and £700 or £800 at high season for a week. Mr Pearce says: "It would attract a wide range of people. Beckford was a fascinating man and the tower is of great architectural interest."

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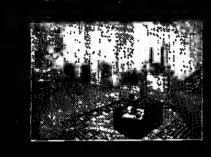
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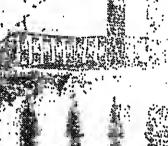
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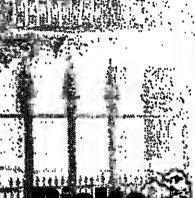
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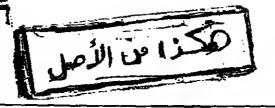
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### Calzaghe anxious to restore reputation

By SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

JOE CALZAGHE intends to make amends for his failure to impress when he defended his world Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight championship against Robin Reid, of Ruocorn, last Febru-Reid, of Ruocorn, last February. He has lined up two con-tests against Glenn Catley, of Bristol, the World Boxing Coun-cil (WBC) No l, or Rick Thorn-berry, of Australia, the WBO No l, at Cardiff International Arena on June 5, and then Ste-we Collins in September. ve Collins in September.

Calzaghe blames a hand injury for his performance against Reid, but he feels be can convince the doubters that he is

wince the doubters that he is still the best super-middle-weight in the world.

"The fight against Reid showed that Joe has got great stamina and a great chin." Frank Warren. Caltage's promoter, said. "It's the sort of thing he will need when he comes to fight Roy Jones | the WBC light-heavyweight cham-

It had been hoped that Calzaghe would meet Richie Wood-half, the WBC super-middleweight champion, in a unification bout in the summer, but the Telford man wanted too much money — £1 million.

Eighteeo months ago. Collins forfeited his belt when he dropped out of a contest against Calzaghe at the last moment, but Warren said yesterday that this was the cootest the public wanted to see and be hopes to put it on in Cardiff.

"I've had talks with Steve," Warren said. "He said he wants a chance to set the record straight. He is in good shape." **SNOOKER** 

### Higgins races into position of dominance

JOHN HIGGINS continued to stamp his authority on the Embassy world championship with menacing efficiency yesterday when he established an 8-0 lead over Stephen Lee in the quarter-finals at the Crucible theatre, Sheffield. Higgins showed no weakness and gave Lee no cause for hope of recovery on the way to improving his overall frames record to 31-6 with the crociment. with the consistent, mistake-free form that has enabled him to win the Benson and Hedges Masters. United Kingdom championship, Liverpool Victoria Charity Chal-lenge and China International this

The Scot. favourite to become the only player to defend the file at the Crucible successfully at his first attempt, did not score quite as heavily as when building an 8-0 lead over Mark King in the previous round, but he was not far them. short. Signalling his intent with a 132 total clearance and encouraged by numerous unforced errors from Lee in the early stages. Higgins placed himself in a position of immense strength with additional contributions of 51, 69, 82, 56, 91 and 63. In so doing, he outscored Lee 76.3-81.

Higgins, who beat Gerard Greene 10-2 in the first round and King 13-4 in the last 16, is achieving a level of dominance of which Sieve Davis, in the Eighties, and Stephen Hendry, for much of this decade, would have been proud.

Although Hendry's play did not quite measure up to that of Higgins, his friend, compatriot and fiercest rival, he did enough to carry a 6-2 advantage over Matthew

Stevens into the concluding two sessions today. Nevertheless, Hendry agreed that it was a flattering scoreline. He did compile his first century break of the championship this year, 109, but also stole one frame on the black and two others on the

It was a score that brought a smile to the face of Nascem Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion, who is a staunch supporter of Hendry. Harned viewed the session from the front row of the press seats, only an extended left hook from the table.

Mark Williams and Ronnie O'Sullivan also contributed to the high quality, fast-flowing snooker on display by seizing command of their respective quarter-finals against more experienced, if less flamboyant, opponents, who al-ready have their names engraved on the trophy.

Williams, attempting to win his

fourth world-ranking tournament of the season, potted superbly in establishing a 7-1 lead over Ken Doherty. After winning the opening frame, Doherty fell victim to a demonstration of excellence that any of the game's leading exponents would have found difficult to combat. No ball was safe, no position provided insurmountable obstacles to a telling Williams break.

Williams was responsible for runs of 71, 76, 44, 46, 78 and, when Doherty suffered a bad kick in the closing frame of the morning, which caused him to jaw a straightforward red, the Welshman pounced with an 82 clearance.



Williams is a study in concentration during the first session of his quarter-final against Doherty, which he ended with a 7-1 lead

John Parrott, who leads O'Sullivan 6-2 in career meetings and defeated him 13-4 in the last 16 of the 1994 world championship, fashioned a 133 total clearance in the fifth frame, but it was generally an unproductive first session for the Liverpudlian, who found himself 6-2 in arrears. Looking more focused than in the earlier rounds. O'Sullivan stole the seventh frame on the black with a 52 clearance

and, even more damagingly for Parrott's morale, salvaged the fourth after trailing 740 and requiring two snookers with five reds still on the table.

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**RUGBY UNION** 

### IRB takes hard disciplinary line

THE International Rugby Board (IRB) is to appoint a citing officer at every international from September 1. The decision has been taken in the light of what Allan Hosie, the chairman of the IRB's Laws Committee, described as several unsavoury incidents that had served only to damage the Image of the

Chief among those was that involving Martin Johnson and John Leslie during the Calcutta Cup match in the Five Nations Championship earher this year. Leslie was stamped on by Johnson. who received a yellow card but escaped further punishment. The Scotland management was in-censed but was powerless to take the matter further because the referee, under existing regulations, had dealt with the offence already.

Hosie said that previously the Board had left the onus on individual countries to take appropriate action, but this had proved impracticable. "That onus has now been taken off countries and everyone will know where they stand," Hosie

Citing officers sit with match commissioners already in the southern hemisphere for tri-na-tions internationals and Super 12 games. The move to standardise disciplinary regulations between the northern and southern hemispheres was taken at the recent IRB annual meeting in

The British Isles tour to the southern hemisphere in 2001 will now visit only Australia. Originally, the Lions were due to play in New Zealand as well, but now Australia has been granted the 11-match tour, including three internationals, in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. The English league will run through the World Cup, despite the

reluctance and disquiet of several

ture list is expected to be sem to Twickenham today Worcester are considering sign-ing up to eight players from West Hartlepool, who will be relegated from the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership this weekend if they lose to Bedford. With West desperate to trim their overheads. the sale of the cream of their squad, including Tu Nurualitioa and Steve Vile, the half-backs, will provide the club with financial impetus.
With their promotion campaign from the second division having fal-

leading clubs, among them Leices-ter and Newcastle Falcons. A board

meeong of English First Division Rugby yesterday endorsed the deci-sion taken earlier this year, which means that league games played through the tournament will be

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tered. Worcester are desperate to reach the Premiership by whatever means and had been in discussion with Bristol about buying that club's option in London Scottish should it become available - as a means of ensuring top-flight rugby next year. However, nothing firm can be agreed undl all the issues concerning promotion and releganon - and the play-offs - have been resolved, which is almost certain to be the last day of the season. ☐ The sports commission in Namibia has banned the national team from playing internationals pending an investigation into accusations of racism in the sport. Karel Persendt, president of the commission, has accused the Namibian Rugby Union of ignoring a quota agreement for the number of white and non-white players in the domestic game. Namibia have qualified for the World Cup finals later this year.

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### Alan Lee finds the Punchestown Festival cementing its position as the Irish Cheltenham

### Injury costs Maguire ride on Dorans Pride

The fates that frowned recovers in a Co Tipperary three years of bleak misfortune had been regarding him more benignly of late but he is ending another season in familiar distress. Within hours of being booked for a prime spare ride on Dorans Pride in the Heineken Gold Cup at Punchestown today. all right last night," Maguire said. "I'm very disappointed." Maguire was digesting the news that he has once more cracked a bone in his right

He suffered the injury when Bessie Browne fell fatally in the final race at Plumpton on Monday but had been hopeful of riding on until the injury swelled up overnight. An X-ray revealed a fracture and, in his absence today, the seemingly indestructible Tony McCoy will partner Dorans Pride in a £120,000 event that also features Florida Pearl and Escartefigue.

Maguire will be out for at least a formight and may be obliged to write off the dog days of this season. His dis-may, though, will be immedi-ate, for he had accumulated an enviable series of rides at Punchestown - several, ironically, through the injuries sustained a week ago by Paul

Carberry.
While Carberry, extrovert hero of the Grand National.

Hospital from surgery on a damaged spleen, Maguire is at home in Wiltshire, yet again missing out on a highlight of the National Hunt season and doubtless reflecting that in this ultimate game of swings and roundabouts, he has all too often been consigned to the slide. "It isn't very painful and I was pretty confident of being

Dorans Pride disappointed in the Chehenham Gold Cup, when Michael Hourigan, his trainer, felt Carberry's tactics were too vigorous. As at Cheltenham, though, the bulk of Irish money in today's five-horse field will be for Florida Pearl, who finished a creditable third in the Gold Cup.

be ridden by Richard Dunwoody, who provided the sole success yesterday aboard the valiant and deserving Celibate, 7-1 winner of the BMW Chase. Celibate, trained by Charlie Mann, had been placed in the two-mile championship races at both Cheltenham and Aintree, and he owed this overdue victory to an inspired exhibition of pace-set-

ting by Dunwoody.
"I wish to God I had a dozen more like this horse," Mann said. "He deserves this more than I do."

Direct Route, the 5-4 favourite, was beaten two lengths in third and would have been much closer but for ploughing through the last, a mistake which allowed Space Trucker to take second place. Big Matt, the winner last year was uncompetitive on a deflating day for Nick Henderson, his Henderson had prepared

Bacchanal specifically for the Country Pride Champion Novice Hurdle, but the plan was futile as he trailed in, last and lame, behind the emphatic Cardinal Hill. This was the first winner of the meeting — but surely not the last — for J. P. McManus.

who now looks certain to fin-

ish as champion owner both in Britain and Ireland for the

Florida Pearl will once more first time. McManus, though, now has one of those pleasurable problems that afflict men in his position, for Cardinal Hill is now the most viable challenger to his own Istabrao for the Champion Hurdle next

> "We'll be going wherever the other fellow doesn't go." Noel Meade, trainer of Cardinal Hill, said. McManus added. "These things tend to sort themselves out in time," he said. "There are a lot of good races to be won before we even think of getting them both to Cheltenham."

fstabraq completes his season here in the Shell Champion Hurdle on Friday, an additional fourth day to a burgeoning Festival that now offers almost £1 million prizemoney. McManus reckons he has been coming here for 30 years but anyone returning after an absence of only two would barely have recognised the place yesterday.

The first phase of redevelopment has cost £10 million and this extraordinary mirage in a wilderness of Kildare fields now has a dash of comfort and class. Legend has it that 150,000 squeezed in when the Prince of Wales visited the races here in 1868. There were 130,000 fewer yesterday but the unique buzz of the Irish Cheltenham was intact.

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BY ALAN LEB RACING CORRESPONDENT

AIDAN O'BRIEN may have

had a part of his meticulous mind trained on Punchestown, and the Festival that

helped make his name, but his priority yesterday was to put

his two Guineas candidates

through their final serious



Celibate leads Direct Route over the last on his way to victory in the BMW Chase at Leopardstown yesterday

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2.50 EXMOOR NOVICES HURDLE (£2,915: 2m 70) (14)

work. By the weekend, both may be favourite for their respective classics at Newmarket. already Orpen. favourite with Ladbrokes and

3.25 GREIG MIDDLETON NOVICES HANDICAP

1 300P THUNDERPOINT 11 (V.F) Miss K George 7-11-12 \_ J Mogford (7)
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3 5F1J \_\_DEFENOT/HEREALM 30 (C.5) R Front 8-11-1 \_ \_ Br B Stronge (7)
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9 \_\_SPPP EASY OVER 56 \_\_FG.5) Mrs D Thomas 13-10-0 J \_\_E Goldstein (3)

Detendificensim, 11-4 Joy For Life, 11-2 Oncantivesquarters, 6-1 Dennicks View, 8-1 Carmel's Joy, 10-1 others.

4.00 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP CHASE

7-4 Just Jasmine, 9-4 Ambleside, 9-2 Kibreel, 11-2 offers

CHASE (£3.966; 2m 7f 110vd) (9)

(£4,138: 2m 1l 110yd) (5)

William Hill for the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday, and Sunspangled, closest market rival to 1,000 Guineas favourite Moiava, were worked over five furlongs by stable jockey Mick Kinane, who will ride them both at the weekend. O'Brien, the boyish genius

of Ballydoyle, won the 2,000 Guineas with King Of Kings a year ago without giving him a previous run and he is employing the same tactics with Orpen. Kinane agrees that they are similar horses. "Both are clean-winded and take their work well. Orpen may come on for the run but he won't fail for lack of fitness," the jockey said after returning

home from Ballydoyle. The past three 2,000 Guineas winners have not needed the traditional preparation race and four of the top six in the betting for this year's renewal are without a run this season. Much more of this and the highly-vaunted trials, which this year served only to confuse, will seem a complete irreleyance.

Kinane reported himself satisfied with both his big-race mounts and, while Orpen is unlikely to venture beyond the Guineas distance of one mile. he is anticipating Sunspang-led getting considerably far-ther. "Aidan's plan is to go for the Oaks next and I am confident she will stay," he said.

Ladbrokes, the only firm to offer 4-1 about French filly Moiava yesterday, cut her to 7-2 after sustained support. but the threat remains that up to four fillies may have to be ballotted out of Sunday's race because of a safety limit of 23. Bounoful Lady, trained by Sir Michael Stoute, would be the first eliminated.

### ASCOL ROB WRIGHT 2.00 Optimaite 3.40 Grangeville 4.10 Ace Of Parkes 2.30 Insinuate 4 40 Trans Island 5.10 Mr Maiica 3.05 SPIRIT OF LOVE (nap) Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 NO EXTRAS.

3,40 AL MUALLIM (nap). GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Insinuate. 3.05 Maridpour.

DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 GARTER CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,282: 5f) (5 runners)

1998 MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

First Blood and OPTIMARTE are bright early two-year-olds and likely to dominate, first Blood beat Barringer 13-1 at Newmarks (5t, good) with Alise Lee (18) better oil) 5 films. He had earlier won on soft ground at Folkestone, so will not be troubled by the ground. Optimatel, however, narrowly gets the vote in receipt of 4lb. He created a highly keverable topession when beating Arster 5t at Windson (51 fbyd, good to firm) and , although the going will be different boday, is worth the change to underline the ment of that success. Bee Eight was 34's seventh to Launtal at Windson (51 fbyd, good to firm), which does not look good enough, but Great White, 24-1 third in Alfailak at Newmartet (51, good), showed good pace for much of the race and can improve.

2.30 EBF INSULPAK SWINLEY STAKES

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £13,745: 1m md) (7 runners) cest interest 4 Cassantra Go., 11-4 Instructe, 0-2 Edwn, 7-1 Jig. Sweet Errotion, 18-1 Pearl Barley, 18-1 Hi tilday.

CASSANDRA GO beat Musical Treat a neck to a meiden at Newmantet (71, good) with Instructe (levels) 234 and and Pearl Barley (levels) 445 60t. She can confirm the form, eithough Instructe, who could be better for the experience, cannot be underestimated. Eden beat Sea Picture 44 in a madden at Newmantet (71, good to soft) and is another with scope to improve, as is Sweet Errotion, who beat Cloudy Sky 14-bit a madden stakes at Newmantet (1m, good), although her low action raises the question of whether size will be as well suited by this softer surface. Hi Micky has to improve a 644 fourth to Sampower Star at Windsor (61, good to 5mn), and Jig sets a pose. She won all Newmantet (31, soft) before this bind good to 5mn), and Jig sets a pose. She won firm). She is not easy to assess.

3.05 INSULPAK SAGARO STAKES (Group III; £25,000; 2m 45yd) (9 runners)

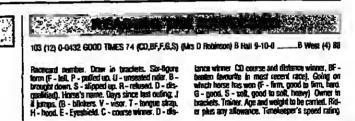
BETTWE: 7-2 Celeric, 4-1 Canon Can. 6-1 Memored, 13-2 Spirk Of Love, 7-1 Samman, The Gon-Worm, 10-1 Markippen, Sen Setastian, 12-1 Sheya. 1998 (parsierred to Meantaket Guineas meeting) PERSIAN PUNCH 5-8-1 K Fation (4-1) D Elseoch 10 ran

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A cracking renewat which leatures a trio of Royal Accordance, telled to win last year and known by needs a run or law better hitting post born white Marwared, stepping up in class, would preter laster ground. Sammaan Lotoric, the 1937 Gold Cup winner, telled to win last year and knownebly needs a run or law better hitting post form white Marwared, stepping up in class, would preter laster ground. Sammaan has a poor wins to nurs ratio but did master three interior opponents at Haydock (2m, soft) this morth. The one to beal, though, is SPR-IT OF LOVE. Mark Johnston's change thinked on his racing last year and capped a fine campaign by routing his rivals, who Included Sam Sebastian, winner of the Ascon Stakes last term, in the Cosardwich at Newmarket (2m 2). This will be his first test outside handlang company but he's a reliablese galloper and, proven on easy ground, can late this before going on to even greater things. Mandatour, who landed the Queen's Vace at the Royal meeting last year, is suited by some give undertoot and may energy as the biggest danger. Cannot Can, who is usually a front-numer, is gaine but one-paced white The Glow-Worm and Shaya, second and third respectively to Sedad in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury this month, are unproven over so tar.

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BLINKERED FRIST TIME: Cheltenham: 5.25 Shull's Star. 8.15 Whistling Buck. Exeter: 2.15 Silent Guns. 2.50 Clar Ross. 3.25 Oneanthreequarters, Thunderpoint. Kelso: 5.20 Ninth Symphony, Our Main Man. Pontefract: 3.50 Shapherds Rest. 5.20 Protocol, Ra Ra Rasputin.



3.40 INSULPAK VICTORIA CUP (SHOWCASE HANDICAP AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (£22,600: 7f) (20 numbers)

Showhoat has been raised 5th for that web, not as sail not outly assets of it is not in two years also and can conden the placings with those belief, Grangwelle ended last season with a 21 houth in Prince Babar in a bandicap at Newmarket (7t, good) with Mister Rambo (2th better oil) 41 filth, Chewit (8th better oil) 55/1 loath, Showhoat (levels) 71 bretith. However, the key could be the Unicoln at Dorisate (1th, good as soil) in which Netfort OF ELASS (rap) was 144 third to Right Wing with Wild Sty (1th better oil) 25/4 fifth, Therinea (2th better oil) 65/4 sixth and Chewit (1th better oil) 84/4 seventh. Night Of Glass is solved by a last pace and is ideally produced fate. The mile at Doricaster may have been just beyond his best, and this shorter trip can see than successful. Parally Man Is another to relish a last pace over 71 and his reappearance, over 61 at Kempton, will have put an edge on him.

4.10 GARDNER MERCHANT PAVILION STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-0: £14,265: 60) (10 runners)



Planders, whose victories last season included the Windsor Casile Stales at the Royal meeting, has a clear chance at the weights but her best form is at the minimum hip and 6 coold be that METCHAM proves the strongest. He did little wrong last term (including when kil second to Compton Arrow over course and distance on soft ground in September) and ran a race full of promise on his reappearance when narrowly falling to pop back Munitz, under topweight, in a competitive handleap at Neumanket (61) this mouth. Compensation avails here, Michaer, winner of his final lwo starts at Nottingham and Neumanket tast season. Two Clubs, whose only deleat in 1996 came when show was slow away in a squable event at Rodcay, and Llowhearted, aways braviling well whop whining a maiden at the Craven meeting this month, are other theable individuals. Mornisston Point has a bit to do under his penalty while Sampower Star has more to do than when winning at Windsor last time

4.40 mitsubishi diamond vision stakes (£6,257: 1m md) (5 runners) 

BETTING: 5-2 Right Wing, 11-4 Duck Row, 4-1 Sugartoot, 5-1 Risque Lady, Trate Island.

Duck Row is useful but wes disappointing when 7-ki last of ten to Shisa in a group III stakes at Newmarket (1m 110yd., good) on his respectance. Right Wing was given a bis ground again. Sisgarfoot was in cascing form last season, ending it when beating Chira Red 1-ki in a handleap at York (71 202yd., good) with Right Wing (1to better off) 5-ki shith. However, preterence stort TRANS ISLAND. 1-ki second to the Indip-class Desert Prince in a handleap at Newmarket (71 soft) on his debut last season. He was not disgreed autosqueratily in good recessary attract. Risputs Lady beat Confidante 1-let over the straight mule here (good) but has a bit to find with Right Wing, who is 4th better off for heating her a neck into third in a handleap at Doncaster (1m, good to frent).

5.15 WHITE ROSE HANDICAP (£7,978: 1m str) (30 runners)



ZIRS was given an indifferent ride by his young jocker at Episom keet week (held up in a taisety-run race) and, will kee Cockrain now taking over in the saddle, can prove his region Bornh Alesta. the subsequent Spring Cup winner, pull out all the stops. Topton (sadd led with and King Of Turnes (filteenth) were both behard that day. Zirs is drawn howerts the middle at hopefully Cochraine with jaik right from the stake because the filterly pracmatiers. — Yeart (drawn states term, incutting a 20-number handicap over course and distance in October where Tarski are endoching, is leared most.



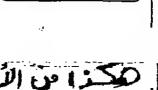
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### Stewart to bid for urgent net profit

ALEC STEWART has withdrawn from Surrey's PPP. County Championship match at Northampton today after the dealtrof his paternal grand-mother at the weekend. The funeral is expected to take place

The England captain, suffering from an acute shortage of runs for both country and county since the Melbourne Test in December, is aiming to arrange some net sessions at the Oval before Sunday, when the World Cup squad meet up at Canterbury in preparation for their three warm-up games against counties. All the other England players will be turning out for their counties this week in a full programme of championship matches.

One former England cricketer, Mark Lathwell, may be out for the rest of the season because of a knee injury sustained on Somerset's pre-season tour to South Africa. The county is still awaiting the surgeon's report after an operation at the weekend. but Jamie Cox, his captain. said yesterday that he was 80 per cent certain that Lathwell would miss the entire season. "Mark has damaged his anterior cruciate ligament, which is one of the worst knee

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injuries you can get," Cox said. Eight championship games begin today and a ninth, between Somerset and Yorkshire, starts tomorrow. Leicestershire, the leaders, include

Alan Mullally for the first time this season in their match at Grace Road against Lancashire. Jimmy Ormond is likely . to step down with Matt Brimson and Jon Dakin contesting the final place.

Warwickshire will be without Keith Piper, their wicket-: keeper, for the visit to Chelmsford. Piper, who batted so well at. No 5 for his 66 against Somerset last week, has since suffered a recurrence of an old back ligament injury. By wearing special insoles in his boots, thereby realigning both hip and back, he managed to solve the problem last year. but he lost the insoles on the county's pre-season tour to South Africa. Thinking that he was permanently cured, he did not replace them on his return

home and has paid the price. Matthew Fleming, the Kent captain, has an enviable dilemma as far as selection is concerned for the home match with Derbyshire. "With Mark Esilham back and Julian Thompson fit again, I've got 13 fit players vying for 11 places, which is a healthy situation," Fleming said. "I am very pleased with the attitude shown by everyone at the club

this season." Another happy captain is Jason Gallian, of Nottinghamshire. So pleased was he with Chris Read's first innings at No 6 for the county last week, when he made 28 against Leicestershire, that Gallian



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Lathwell is likely to miss the whole season after having an operation on his injured knee at the weekend

intends to let the wicketkeeper. 20. keep his place in the

batting order. "Chris has come on in leaps and bounds with the bat that was a good knock in difficult conditions at Leicester and he handled himself very well," Gallian said Read's promotion will be viewed with interest by the England selectors, who are thought to favour him as Stewart's long-term successor behind the stumps, if he can improve his batting.

With so little cricket having been played so far this season because of the weather, counties have encouragingly few in-juries to report. However, Sussex will be without Jason Lewry, their strike bowler, for the visit to Glamorgan, where Tony Cottey makes an immediate return to face his old county. The good news for Sussex supporters is that Lewry is expected to be fil for their next championship game, against Gloucestershire on May 19.

### PPP COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDE



Overalt: Played 5. Durham won 1, Hampshire won 0. First meeting: 1992.

Trends: Durham drew their only game so lar in 1999 and have gone 12 successive matches without a win; Hampshire drew with Kent last week Hampshire draw with Kent last week Recent meetings: Hampshire are the only county that have never bealen Durham; they should have won tast year, but rain and a knock of 97 not our by Martin Speight saved Ourham. They also won the 1995 game by an mangs Man the forms Simon Brown took six for 25 in Durham's previous game



Overall: Played 170, Middlesex won 82, Gloucestershire won 41.

First meeting: 1879. First meeting: 1879.

Trends: Gloucestershire lost to Yorkstrite last week and drew with Surrey
the previous week. Middlesea's last
game was washed out. Their first of
1999 was also drawn.

Recent meetings: Gloucestershire
won in 1998 by 96 nuns. Courtney
Welsh and Melve Smith took eight wickeis apiece. Middlesex have won their
past times games at Bristol

Men in forms: betal appear of Mid-

Man in form: Justin Langer, of Mid-desex, has hit 296 runs in his two in-nings of 1999.



Overalt: Played 105, Surrey won 44, First meeting: 1905.

Trends: Northamptonshire have drawn both of their 1999 matches, but wan the lineal two of 1999, Surrey have also drawn both of their games so far this year Recent meetings: The 1998 and 1997 garnes were drawn. Surrey's

fast success at Northampton came in 1962, when Sylvester Clarke took ten Man in form: Mark Butcher of Surtey, has scored 199 in his three in-nings so far this season.



Overall: Played 106. Essex won 34. Warwickshee won 26

First meeting: 1895 First meeting: 1895
Trends: Essex lost their first game this year by an innings, their seventh successive defeat. Warwickshire have had two draws this season, but ended 1996 by beating kent.

Recent meetings: Essex won in 1998 by two workets Brian Lara and his team were booed off the field Warwickshire with at 1007. wickshire won at Chelmsford in 1997. Allan Donald took eight wickets Men in form: Dougle Brown (War-wickshire) has hi 142 and 55 not out in his two innings this season



Canterbury Overall: Played 122, Kent won 50, Derbyshire won 36

First meeting: 1874. Trends: Kenl have played two draws in 1999. The ran in Derbyshire's one match so far this year allowed for only 69 5 overs to be bowled. Recent meetings: Rain rumed the 1998 game at Derby, in which Kevin Dean took a hat-inck. The 1997 meet-ing was also rain-effected. Derby-shire's last win at Canterbury was in 1959. Donald Carr scored a century in each incomes.

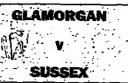
Man in form: Dominic Cork, of Derby-shire, has produced with bail and ball.



Trent Bridge

Trands: Nottinghamshire's only 1989 game was a draw. They have gone five matches without a wn. Worcestoshire have played two draws in 1999, but won their final game of 1998.

Man in form: William Weston, of Worcestershire, has run into form with



Overall: Played 110, Sussex won 25, Glamorgan won 24 First meeting: 1921

First meeting: 1921
Trends: Glamorgan's only game so tar this year was drawn. They won their linal match of 1998 by 298 runs. Sussex have played two draws.
Recent meetings: Sussex won last year by 18 runs. Robin Manin-Jenkins taking seven for 57 in the hinal minings. However, Sussey have never beaten Glamorgen at Sophia Gardeos.



Overall: Played 148, Lancashire won 72, Leicestershire won 17.

Trends: Only 40 overs were bowled in Leicestershine's game last week, but they won their list match of 1999 by an mnings. Lancashire have by an infinings. Lancashire have played two games, both lain-affected. Recent meetings: The two previous meetings were drawn, 1996 because of rain and 1997 owing to high scoring Lancashire won here in 1995.

Man in form: Chins Lewis, of Leicestershire, bit 139 in his only 1999 in house and has taken seven wickets. nings and has taken seven wickets thus far.

in each innings.



Overall: Played 113, Notingham-shire won 36, Worcestershire won 33 First meeting: 1921

Recent meetings: Notinghamshire won the 1998 game by 90 nuts. Chris Tolley took seven for 45 in the final innings. The 1997 game at Trent Bridge was drawn.

Compiled by Peter Wynne-Thomas

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SOMERSET

Overall: Played 144, Yorkshire won 82. Somerset won 14. First meeting: 1891.

Trends: Yorkshire won their only game of 1998 by 81 runs II was their sorth successive victory. Somerset's only game of 1998 was a rain affected draw.

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Recent insettings: Yorkshire won in
1998 by 215 runs, David Byas scoring
101. Byas also hit a century in Yorkshire's 1997 victory. Somerset won in
1996 and 1995, Man in form: Gavin Hamilton, of York shire, hit 95 not out and look seven wickets in the last match.

### **Majority** support regional shake-up

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

A TWO-DIVISION championship for the minor counties based on merit, not geography as at present, could start next year. A survey of the 20 coun-ties reveals that more than half favour the scheme that, if implemented, would include promotion and relegation. probably two up and two

Only six minor counties were against the blueprint, II agreed with it, two thought "it was worthy of further careful consideration" and one did not respond to the questionnaire. The consensus of opinion suggests that performances over five seasons should be the yardstick for the make-up of the divisions, although three years' resulto were thought more appropriate by some. Others believed that placings this summer should be the

sole guide. John Shepperd, the manager of the minor counties, said: My view is that in the quest for excellence, we should have first and second divisions, but if Comwall had to travel to Cumberland for a championship match — as they do in the NatWest Trophy next Tuesday - then someone has to pick up the petrol tab."

Amendments for this season, which begins with every minor county compening in the NatWest Trophy for the first time, incorporate the championship final between the eastern and western divisions being played over three days rather than two. Two points will be docked from any team failing to bowl 17 overs an hour in the championship and five points if the rate falls below to an hour.

Alan Igglesden, the former Kent and England fast bowler. has joined Berkshire and Martin Saggers, let go by Durham, will play for Lincolnshire.

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2.45 (6) 15yd) 1, Oriel Girl (P MoCabe 9-1), 2, Ameera (11-1), 3, General Klare (7-2 lav), 13 ran, NR Myssicsm Ns., 3 M Ayan Tote (256, C.3 D. 64 06, C.7 O.F. 655 00 CSF 695 03 Trickal £362.39

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### **ROB WRIGHT** 6.50 Eastern Project 7.25 Celtic Duke 5.45 Polo Venture 8,00 Gallants Delight 6.15 Stash The Cash . 8.30 Jessica One

Carl Evans: 8.00 Gallants Delight. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

HURDLE (Div 1: £2,661: 2m 110yd) (16 runners) 

5.20 LINDA FORREST MEMORIAL MAIDEN

2-1 Sithymore, 7-2 Total Tropic, 5-1 Tezsatı, 7-1 Lounty Rondy, The President, 16-1 Lamback Larty, 20-1 Open Fairway, 25-1 others. 5.45 LINDA FORREST MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE (Div 2: £2.647; 2m 110yd) (15)

1 1-PF CHERGAN 33 (S) Mrs S Bradhume 0-11-6 Mr M Bradhume (3) 4-5 Northern Union, 7-2 Polio Venture, 10-1 Poliocal Sci., 12-1 Chergan, 14-1 Stong Missan, 20-1 Cavalry, 25-1 Noble Hera, Red Aris, Chastrait Varia, 33-1

6.15 STEWART IVORY NOVICES CHASE



11-10 Queensway, 9-4 Stash The Cash, 8-1 Tarayan, 14-1 Isla Oi Finum, Political Mandale, 20-1 Toffino Swell, 25-1 Shooty Estume, Super Guy, 33-1 offices,

**6.50** ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP HLFROLE (£5,129; 2m 110yd) (15)

1. 6790 2016 OF THEVES 18 (D.E.S) Miss I, Ressel 7-12-0 D Gallegher 2 33P2 VALEDICTORY 23 (S) P Marketh 6-11-13 \_C McCormeck (S) 3 0031 DECATITIE DESIGN 23 (D.E.S) Marketh 8-10-11 \_G McCormeck (S) 3 0031 DECATITIE DESIGN 23 (D.E.S) May N Reveley 7-11-13 \_P Neven 4 APPT LORD DORDET 22 (G.C.D.F.G.S) J Courties 9-11-11 \_G Storey 5 4310 HANTING SLANE 19 (C.F.G.S) C Gont 7-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ R Supplie 0 1523 FAPFELIDS PRINCE 22 (G.F.D.G) G M Moore 7-11-4 \_J Catagrium 7 D132 WELL APPOINTED 16 (CD.F.G.S) B Markethypur 10-11-4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ NIT B Gloson (S) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ R 3-241 \_SHERDLIA 16 (CD.F.C.S) P Parter 7-10-11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ P Defroir 7 DI32 WELL APPUNIED TO PASE 7-10-11 D Paser 8 241 SINGEROLLA 16 (DD.P) C Paser 7-10-11 D Paser 9 1333 EASTERN PROJECT 51 (SF.D.F.S) M Harsond 5-16-10 B Harding R Guest 10 3521 XAPETE 23 (D.F.G.S) N Masso 7-10-8 R Guest
11 (115F MUTASAPRE 43 (F.S) J Dedds 0-10-7 S Metrosa (F)
12 4014 GUNNER MARC 23 (BF.O.G.) J Jeterson 5-16-2 L Wyer
13 40FO MAMEGEN 2 (B.O.G.S.) J Floresch (11-10-1 A Dobbon
14 -411 N 6000 FATR 9 (D.F.S) R Bar 7-16-1 (Sex) N Smith
15 -505 PADDY MAGURE 144 (5) L Lungo 6-10-0 . W Dowling (5) 6-1 Executive Design, 7-1 Whil Appointed, 6-1 Valedictory, Lord Dorcet, Hossing

MASON ORGANISATION CENTRE ATTRACTION HANDICAP CHASE (£4,072: 3m 1f) (10) 

11-4 Son Ol Iris, 6-1 Mr KvNovil, 13-2 Nessm., 7-1 Bilar's Delagra, Celtic Duta, 8-1 Distant Hills, 10-1 Säver Strok, Le Denstan, 12-1 others. 8.00 CHARLE BROWN UNITED BORDER HUNTERS

CHASE (£1,606: 3m 1f) (6) - 5 Gallanis Deligin, 5-2 Casteroyal, 4-1 Ali's Alibi, 25-1 ofburs.

8.30 WELL APPOINTED HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,009: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 6P41 BYGLETOMAN 18 (C.F.S) B Machingst 10-12-8 B Storey
2 4621 HEART OF AVONDALE 18 (CD.F.S) L Longo 5-11-11
3 3401 JESSICA CHE 39 (F.G.S) Mis M Genetiv 8-11-7 M H Roughton (S)
4 5624 LORID PODGSKI 10 (F.G.S) P Monteith 8-11-1 D Gellagher
5 5225 COTTISTOWN BOY 12 (CD.G.S) Mis S Bradburne 6-11-0
0 PSSP MASTER HYDE 118 (D.F.G) J Golde 10-10-12 D ADDISIN
7 F-24 MONTE CHESTA 165 (C.S) Mis S Bradburne 0-10-0 B Handlary
8 (P-0 MAIDHAK 39 (F) J Jette 500 8-10-0 D L Wyor
18 (352 PLANNING GAM 10 (C.F.G.) 1 Dun 8-10-0 C MicCorrach, (3)
11 DG46 THRIDDERHEART 18 R Allen B 10-0 M Horrocke (3)
4-Heart (D Ayondale, 3-1 Jestes Doe, 7-1 Ingletoman, Coltsown Box, 8-1 Lod 9-4 Heart D. Avandale, 3-1 Jectica Doe, 7-1 hydesoman, Collisiowii Boy, 8-1 Loud Padgelo, 12-1 Master Hyde, 14-1 Monte Cresia, 18-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

### PONTEFRACT

4.20 Bowlers Boy 2.45 Pipadash 3.15 Gold Honor 4.50 Bachelors Pad 5.20 Diamond Flame 3.50 Campaign

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.45 E.B.F. NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,859: 5f) (8 runners) 

9-4 Lincoln Danoer, 11-4 Papartieth, 0-2 Tara's Chi, 13-2 Salikas, 8-1 Kusipo, 10-1 Labrett, 16-1 Colubration Town, 25-1 Pingers Newsy 3.15 PLACEPOT SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,301; 1m 4! 8yd) (9) 1 (1) 03-4 67.D HONOR 28 (8.5) 8 Meetern 9-4 ... W J D'Corpor (852)
2 (8) 3 85ACON VALE 18 M Maugher 8-12 ... ... 1 Carroll 37
3 (6) 080- DAMOND LAD 228 W Kerry 8-12 ... ... R Weston (3) 35
4 (7) 400- CMQ FPER 222 N W Neth 8-12 ... ... R Weston (3) 35
5 (2) SUAS LITTLE HENRY 23 (8) P Evers 8-12 ... ... J F Egen 42
6 (3) 00-0 TERRY WESTON 8 R HONOR 8-12 ... ... A Cultipar 22
7 (9) 5450 ZOLA 4 M Courn 8-12 ... ... W Supple 47
0 (4) 00-8 AMSANA 21 M Cremon 8-7 ... ... ... S Droven 23
9 (5) 60-6 BOLD FELICITER 14 D Moletti 8-7 ... ... J McAuley (7) 42 2-1 Gold Honer, 11-4 Beacon Vale. 5-1 Bold Februar, 7-1 Laste Henry, 10-1 King Pan, 12-1 Amagas, 14-1 Terby Heights, 20-1 others.

3.50 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP

(£3,850: 2m 5t 122yd) (14) 1 (11) 2/0- HERE COMES HERBIE 397 (G.S.) W Skirey 7-10-0 T WHITE 2 (14) DOSZ JAMANCAN FUGHT O (C.F.) Mrt S Lamyman 6-9-13 7 (10) 042- RUSHEN RAIDEN 1683 (P) K Rogg 7-8-12

0 (7) ANS CLARLESWAN 18 (N.F) Mr. N Macadey 7-8-8 R Price 29

9 (9) 00-4 CHARMING ADMRAU SU Mrs A Sembana 6-8-5 B Dumed 31

10 (13) ASO- THIBAL MOON 25JJ Phyrian 6-8-5 R Winston (3) -
11 (4) 250-0 DIAAD 18 (T.F.S) N Commission 9-8-1 R Winston (3) -
12 (6) 2292 SHEPHERDS REST 8 (V) 5 MeVior 7-7-71

13 (6) 5324 MALDLARK B (V) J Nohon 7-7-11 D Membalo (5) TRICE

14 (1) 0/27 LAGAN 11/2 Seafings 6-7-10 --- A Polit (3) ---7-2 Danegold, 6-1 Jamaican Flight, 13-2 Sweet Glow, 7-1 Campagen, Snepherct. Rost, Attolieris, 10-1 Amed, 12-1 others.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANEPS. S Woods, 8 winners from 18 numers, 33 3%; 8 Lews, 4 from 13, 30 Fe. R Fahey, 0 born 42, 19 0%, J J Classa, 6 horn 40, 15 0%, P Henris, 4 from 31, 12 9%; M Berley, 12 from 104, 11 5%. M Harmsond, 4 horn 37, 10 6%; N Tindes, 5 from 47, 10,6%. Only quasities.

### 4.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (£7,522: 6f) (18) 1 (10) 2-00 FURTHER OUTLOOK 23 (F,S) D Nichails 5-9-13 K Danley &S

2 (2) 1-00 BOWLERS BOY 11 (CD.F.G.S) J J Dunin 6-9-8 K Darley 85

R Winston (3) 99

3 (13) 0000 PRECON 11 (D.F.G.S) D Butter 4-9-7 ...... T Williams 99

4 (15) 00-0 SWHIND 33 (V.D.F.S) P Ecos 5-9-5 ....... F Epon 97

5 (10) 0-51 ABENT MILLIERS B (B.D.E.S) P Dancel 5-9-5 (flee)

6 (16) 0520 PLEADING 9 (BF.CD.S) W Masson 6-9-3 W J D Commor 77

7 (7) 5530 YILING BEWING 11 (D.F.S) D Disprises 5-9-1 .... A Cultime 100

8 (2) 40-0 MAMMAS BOY 18 (D.G.S.) J Bern 4-9-0 .... W Supple 89

10 (11) 136- KRINGDOM RUBY 147 (5) Mics J 4 Cuntactus 4-8-(2)

R Prince 79

4.50 DUAL FORECAST CLASSIFIED STAKES

(£2,463: 1m 4yd) (19) 1 (2) 0041 GENUME JOHN 14 (D.F.G) J Parkes 6-9-10 ...J Fanning 74 2 (12) 0-08 BACHELORS PAD 12 (F) D Micholis 5-9-0 Mex Greaves 82 3 (5) 4052 FUTURE PROSPECT ST (CD.F.S) M A Buckley 5-9-8 J Caroll 73 4 (S1 050- KNORSLEPKEZE 219 (V.O.F.G.S) M Channon 9-9-8 S Downer 79

4 (S) 050- KNORSLEINEZE 219 (V,D,F,G,S) M Channon 9.9-8

S(11) 0-04 MARSARET'S DANCER 12 (T,CD,F,G,S) J Eye 4-9-8

6 (16) 000- NIGHT CHORUS 188 (D,S) 8 Rothwell 5-9-8 ... F Lynch 79

7 (17) 000- PRESUM PURSUIT 215 (B) R ridby 4-9-8 M J D'Chornor 75

9 (16) 000- RARE TALENT 211 (F,B) 2 Schlops 5-9-8 M J D'Chornor 75

19 (19) 000/ TBLE IS MONEY 1287 M Tompolas 7-9-8 ... G Bestivell -
10 (19) -060 TORNACD DESINCE 10 (P) E Alston 4-9-6 ... M Supple 56

11 (10) 045- ESSECHING 190 J Tolle 4-9-5 ... J F Class 54

12 (4) 37-4 RIFTIDIAY VENTURE 22 S Wroods 4-9-5 ... B DURIGH 59

13 (7) 200- GYNGCRAK RIVER 194 (20) F (6) G Holms 8-9-5 ... B M STORE 184

14 (15) 06-6 ALLRICHTIVEN 22 I Wolf 3-9-8 ... Dosn McKorom 55 

5.20 TOTE CREDIT CLUB HANDICAP



13 (8) 0000 TYPHDON BIGHT 21 (8.1.6) D Nathonics 7-8-2 Familing 79
14 (11) 60/0 RING OF VISION 223 (D.F.) J J Dunin 7-7-10 ..... Henry 45
15 (6) 0/9- TREMENORTO 233 / Pital 9-7-10 ........ Paradicy (7) -10 (12) -000 SPARKLING HARRY 53 Miss L Siddal 5-7-10 ..... N Kennedy 17
17 (9) -000 POLAR REFIRAN S1 (6) J Eyre 6-7-10 ..... G Barrowal 65
18 (10) 00-6 GET A LIFE 61 G Woodward 6-7-10 ..... G Barrowal 65
9-2 Switt 5-1 Actival Dunies 7-1 Diamond Fisher. Legal Cauc. 8-1
Shaffictaryes, Wanting Red. 10-1 Emplie Park. Accadem's Lad. 12-1 afters

### Nottingham

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Going: heavy 2.15 j61 15y0; 1. Petiti Pataile (W.J. C'Cor-no, 7-1), 2. Lament (14-1), 3. Spli The Acco-14-1 Law; 14 Jan. 11, 81 B Meshan Tote 24 40, 62 00, 64 60, 62 00, DF: 667 30 CSF 532 73. Gning: soft

Galage soft
2,00 (1m 21 46yd) 1, MiGRATION (1
Sortale, 11-4 tay; 2, Serangeni (K Fallon,
7-2); 3, Grossvenor Piyer IJ Fortune, 4-1)
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Oe Balbol (6th), 8 Prince
Steyer (5th), 10 Admah, Kali, 16 Woodcole Werpor, 30 Ashgar (4th), 33 Power
Hii, 100 Destring, Northwing, 12 ran, 21, 71,
21-1, rik, 41 R Charting at Beothampion
Tote, C asp. c 150, c 150, c 190, DF
68 80 CSF- £11 85

27.10, E110, E201, CF. 1330 (SF 127), E201, CF. 1330 (SF 11), CARHUE LASS (K Falion, S-2); 2, Impe Lalke (T Quinn, S-S fav), 3, Ethienay Star (M Ryan, 6-11 ALSO RAN 7-1 Vasilavary 44th), 11 Eastern Lync (Str), 5 Fan 3, 1-1, 5, 2-4 Pedinok O'Leany at Franstown, Co Kildare Tote E3 10, Cf 60, Cf 10, DF 61 70 CSF E5 29 3.30 (Im 31 1-44), 11, HEART (F, Falion, S-2 lav1, 2, Misseondauct U Quinn, 9-2), 3, Hitt Farm Blues IA Garth, 13-2), ALSO RAN; 7-1 Resphery Sauce (HM, 8 Phantom Waters, 12 Megcal Dencer, 14 Cabcharge Blue (Sigh, May) Cuis, 10 Shanghai Lil, 20 Beacon Saver, Tul (6th), 33 Foore Lady, Lateen, Royal Signer 14 ran 41, 31, 214, 114, 41 G Butier at Dideot Tote E4.20, E1 90, E2.20, E2.30 DF E7.20, CSF: E11 83 Triassi: E85.54 27 30. CSF: E11 83 Tricasi: £82,54
4.00 (51 11yd) 1, ROO (A Nicholis, 12-1)
2, Mentige (M Fenton, 5-2 tan), 3, Loch
Inch (A Dely, 25-1) ALSO RAN, 11-4
Bosseat (6th), 100-3 Lord Bankes (5th), 12
Coolke, 14 Magic Grand, Namaquelass
(4th), 16 Miss Millennum, Step Up, 25
Bossy Spice, Salan Blues, 33 Baby Bany,
Chicago Blues, Shep Afread, 15 tan, NR
Dancing Ridge, Nanhucket, 41, 24-4, 44, 1411, R Johnson Houghton at Diocal Tote
£16 20: £3.30, £1 40, £3 90 DF £65.00
CSF, £41.37

CSF. E41.37

4.30 (5f. 1)v0) 1, HARVYEY'S FUTURE IA Polii, 9-1) 2. Present 'n Cornect (C Carver, 14-1), 3. Trinker Osmastion (J Savage, 7-1); 4. Forgotten Times IA Nicholie, 20-1) ALSO RAN, 4-1 tay Samwar, 6 Baptismal Rock (6th), 13-2. Procolo Cativo (5th), 10 Vice Presidental, 16 Bramble Bear, Purnadas Road, Ritch's Rock, Age, 20 Balkselfa, Johnny Saccado, Live To Tell, 25 Najnes Pet, Miss Dangerous, Tilia, 33 Wir Arcour, 16 ton 14, 114, hd, 11, hd. P Gilligan at Newmasket Tote 29 70, 02,40, e3 60, 02,40, e4,90. DF E77 70, CSF. E114,90. Incast E905-43.

5.00 (1m.2) 48yd) 1, RADAYS DAUGH-ETT 70 CSF E114.90 Incast E905 43.

5.00 ftm 21 48yd) 1. RADA'S DAUGHTER | Fallon, 3-1 Lav); 2. Heatine
Khound (J Lowe, 33-1), 3. Brave Vision
(S Sanders, 7-1) ALSO RAN 4-1 Fizzygr)
Alth), 6 Lucky Linda, 7 Natale Jay (6th), 9
Rose Hill, 10 Dolyssey (5th), 12 Bitter
Sweet, 20 Gabarel Quest, Mil Alrique, 50
Who Goes There 12 ten NR Bob's,
Princess 31, nk. 24, 24, 61 / Balding at
Kincschere Toter E4 20; £140, £650,
£330 OF £105 90 CSF £112 73 Incast
£614 55

CSF £9 40 5.20 (1m et 15yet) 1, Flyting Fife (k. Carley 11-2), 2, kunibury (7-2 lav) 3, Get The Point (10-1) 14 ran 7t, 21, B Mongan Tote, 87 30 62-90, 81 60, 55 10 DF, \$14 50 CSF £25 64 Tricast, \$186 68. Jeckpot: £54,350.20 — part won (pool of £32,150.82 carried forward to Ascot today).
Piacepot: £222.60 — Quadpot: £20.80 Windsor Gaing: good to soft, soft on top bend
5.30 (5) 10/ch 1, Boleyn Castle (1 Curr.,
4-11, 2, Knockopher Abbey (16-11, 3, Cd
Hyer (100-30 tav) - 10 ran NR: Show
Vanture NA, hd T Mits, Tote: E4.20, £1.20,
£4.20, £1.80 DE, £44.50 CSF £8.80,
£.00 (11rr 3) 135/ch) 1, Manne Franne (C
Rutier, 15-8 tav); 2, Duello (11-2), 3, Dulby
e1 York, (7-2) 10 ran, £2/s, 3, H Morreon
Cast £2.60, £1.10, £2.50, £1.30 DF £2.10
CSF £10.53
6.30 (11r 6/2/ch 1, Sannal Pran (I Curr.) 4-1

Huntingdon Going: good 5.15 (2m ch) 1, Joint Account (Mrs. F. Meedham, 64 lavi: 2, Buzz O'The Crowd 17-11, 3, Jung Tons (3-4) 9 ran 131, 21 Mrs. F. Needham Tote 123 30; Ct 10, 62-60, £1-40 DF £8-70 CSF £10.22 | Council | Coun

### CHETENHAM

7.10 Gunner Welburn 5.25 Moving Earth 7.45 Rusty Fellow 6.00 Mely Moss 8.15 King Of The Dawn Carl Evans: 5.25 Moving Earth. 6.00 Knight Of Passion. 6.35 The Malakarma. 7.10 Gunner Welburn. 7.45 Rusty Fellow. 8.15 King Of The

5.25 HORACE BARTON & SON MAIDEN HUNTERS

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

CHASE (£2,078: 2m 5f) (16 junners) 9-I Moving Earth, 11-4 After D'Grady, 5-1 Kerry Soldler Rice 10-1 Srown Rob-ber, Fellen, "Sharf's Star, Bel Lame, 14-1 offices

6.00 FAUCETS PERRIN AND ROWE CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE (£4,143: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 1151 KNESHT OF PASSION 7 (G.S) Mrs P Tezzard 7-12-6
Nr. J D Moore (S)
2 1111 SKIPPNTDM: 21 (F.G.S) R N MIDLE 9-12-6 Mr M G MSB: (S)
3 322 MELY MOSS 20 (G.S) C Everton 8-12-0 ... Mr A Overposity
4 PETP ROSKEEN BRUGE 22 (B.S) P Sent 8-12-0 ... Mr N Kent (7)
5 4/36 VERTY VERTY ORDINARY 17P (G.S) Mrs R Macheson 13-12-0
Mr A Cristnes-Jones (3) 1-5 Mely Mass. 5-2 Anight Ol Passino, 4-1 Slop WTone, 16-1 others

6.35 WINNING POST AT CHELTENHAM HUNTERS

CHASE (£4,436; 4m 1f) (16) HASE (14,430: 411 11) (10)

1 PUP APPLE DENN 11 (6.5) A Window; 10.12-4 Mess P Gundry (5)

2 POT OMERHONNOS RIVER 17P (0) J Wade 10-12-4 Mr T Gless (7)

3 SP21 SAFFROM MOSS 8 F. 53 Mr. 5 Far 9 12-4 Mr T Gless (7)

4 139 APATURA RIVER 35P (F.5) Mr. 5 Far 9 12-4 Mess F Window (7)

5 R221 ARCITIC SHEY 23P (5) Mess A Nober 3-12-0

Mr J M PROCERT (7)

6 305P HISHMAY FIVE 13 (16.5) Lary 5 Brooke 11-12-0

Mr P Costello (7)

7 PAGS KEARD 23P (5) J R SAMERS 10-12-0

Mr P Costello (7)

8 F121 MRLYMENRY 17P (6.5) Mr. 5 P (12-20 Gr-2-0 Mr M C Miler (5)

9 6714 MULTICHERY 17P (6.5) Mr. 5 P (12-20 Gr-2-0 Mr M C Miler (5)

10 -233 RUSTY BRIDGE 13 (10.5 F.6.5) Lins L Galdocogtine 5 12-0

14 B Buston (5) 10 -233 RUSHY BRILDE 13 RUSHSS LTS 5 JONES 11 -12-0
Mr R Burson (5)
Mr R Burson (5)
Mr D O'Mears (7)
11 142P SP OF BRANDY 8 (8,6,5) Lts L Galdecoth 8-12-0
Mr D O'Mears (7)
12 1462 SOME TURNST 8P (8) M Section 1-12-0 Likes C Berstood (7)
13 -FM SPRINGS-RAW RATH 44 (5) 6 Born 8-12-0 Like T Gabriey (9)
14 3-42 THE MALAKARMA 15P (8.T.CD,6,5) Lts C Burley
15-12-0 Like R Cope (7)
15 3241 YOUNG BRAYE 25P (C.F.B.S) Most 1 Alone 13-12-0
Mr J D Moore (5)
16 362P POSY HALL 11P (6) M Light 9-11-9 Like G Harmes (7)

3-1 The Malatanna, 5-1 Overflowing Rive. 6-1 Assaura King, 7-1 Actic Gray 8-1 Millythemy, 10ung Brave, 10-1 Rusty Bragne, 12-1 others

7.10 BOWRING COUNTRYSIDE INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTERS CHASE

JOCKEYS: D Sweeney, 3 womers from 12 rides, 25.0%, N Day, 3 from 20, 15.0%, M Henry, 4 from 27, 14.8%, F Dailey, 29 from 214, 13.6%, R Winson, 5 from 36, 13.2%, D Memoph, 3 from 28, 10.7%, Daly matters.

(£2,775, 3m 11 110yd) (9) 12.775. 3fti 11 TUV9D) (9)

1 3211 KEEPERTS CALL 23 (G.S.) R C Malett 7-12-7 . Mr C Mulhell (5)

2 1214 DEPROT CAVY 229 (G.S.) D W Cales 8-12-0 ... Mr P Williams (7)

3 2124 DEPROT CAVY 229 (G.S.) D W Cales 8-12-0 ... Mr N Kord (7)

4 5P24 EMERIALD RINGHT 10P (G.S.) R Hanney 9-12-0 Mr H Hanney (7)

5 2111 GUNNEH WELSURN 229 (S) Mr C Balley 7-12-0 Mr B Cope (7)

0 1213 MICKTH-ECUTAWAY 11P (G.S.) Hasther Defron 7-12-0 Mr R Bunton (5)

14 7 5131 MISTER ONE 17P (F.G.) C Tazend 8-12-0 ... Mr R Bunton (5)

8 4451 SOUTH-ETH RUGHT 22P (S) K Dummys 10-12-0

9 1316 SPENGHILL CHAY 17P (D.S.) S Clark 10-12-0

9 1316 SPENGHILL CHAY 17P (D.S.) S Clark 10-12-0

MR R Carlot (7)

7.45 COLIN NASH MEMORIAL UNITED HUNTS CUP

HUNTERS CHASE (F2,232: 3m 1f 110yd) (7) TAMES ARCHER DATS ISP (V.B.S.) J Klos-Robni 10-12-2

- 11 CREAM SUPPRIME 2SP (B.F.G.S.) E Wikisms 9-12-3

3 STEP HIGH GUARDAN 0 (F.B.S.) T L James 10-12-3. Miss P Jones

4 - 211 HILL ISLAND 38P (F.B.S.) Naz. L Sensoring 12-12-3. Miss P Jones

5 IPPT MUNTAP 4P (S.) S Laws 8-12-3. Miss D Managat (7)

2 23F STRETCHT 2SP (B.F.G.S.) Mes T McCurrich 9-12-3. Miss D Managat (7)

7 223F STRETCHT 2SP (B.F.G.S.) Mes T McCurrich (7)

9-4 Cream Supreme, 5-2 Hit Island, 5-1 Strotchu, 13-2 Arches Cess, 8-1 Numai, 10-1 High Guarden, 16-1 Rush Fellow.

8.15 FRIENDS OF HUNT SERVANTS BENEFIT SOCIETY HUNTERS CHASE (£2,400: 2m 110yd) (21)

1 -315 PHO BOND 40 (CD.F.G.S) W Caudwell 9-12-7. Min A Sansome 3 3132 CHSM 11 (6F.G.S) MESS L Ainer 8-12-4. — Mr J D Misore (S) 3 PPR3 DALAMETRE 18 (D.G.S) M Exits 12-12-4. — Mr S Stronge 4 (3-1 TOMMYS WEBS 40, 6S) C Minner 11-12-4. — Mr S Mores (7) 5 1929 WARREN 80Y & COLF.G.S) T C. Jones 9-12-4. Mr G Lewis (7) 6 2236 DELIGHT 28 (S) Counters, Goess-Sauria 8-12-0. — Mrss P Gundry (5) 7 -F36 DIND MALTA 11P (D.S) H Wheeler 8-12-0. — Mr Hams (5) 8 PPD EAU SO SLOE 10 F Methods 8-12-0. — Mr A Baseman (7) 9 -P96 FATHER AICK 18 1 Mr 8-12-0. — Mr C Barton-Sauri (5) 10 ULG3 DROSET FEATHER 17P (G.S) Miss J E Market, 11-12-0. — Mr E Williams (3) 11 80-3 FRENCH BUCK SSP (D.G.) Mr G Rimet 9-12-0. 10 U.G.3 FOREST FEATHER 179 (G.S.) Mass J.E. Mathes, 11-12-9 Mr. E. Williams; (3)
11 60-3 FRENCH BUCK SSP (D.G.) M. G. Rimeti 9-12-0
12 JF-P. GORDON 11 (D.S.) Role Tator 8-12-0 ............ Mr. E. Whilliam (7)
13 PZZU HAU HAM TARN 28 (7 D.S.) G. Brown 9-12-0 .......... Mr. E. Whilliam (7)
14 P-P.P. HIGHLAND SPN 32P Mrs. F. Selesworthy 8-12-0
15 BUAU MING DF THE DAMN 23P (D.S.) Michy Mitable 8-12-0
16 SP32 MOSTYN 17P (F) J. Tuck 8-12-0 ............. DF Pritchard (3)
17 PO41 MORTHERN BUCK TSP (F, LS.) J. Deutsch 9-12-0 Mr. J. Mr. G. Powiter (7)
18 LYPP STR-DLE 73P (F) D. Iborison 11-12-0 ....................... Mr. N. Kest (7)
20 5-4P SMART TEACHER SSP Mr. Min Mothbers 9-12-0
Mr. H. Hankey (7)
21 P444 WHISTLING BUCK 18P (M,T.D.S.) P. Morgan 11-12-0
21 1-12-0. Mr H Harmey (/)
21 P444 WHSTLING BUCK 18P (V,T,D,S) P Morgan 11-12-0
Mr J L Lieuchyn

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### Brown seeks reversal of roles

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN BREMEN

THIS evening in Bremen, the most pious member of the congregation is obliged to turn iconoclast. In a friendly match. Craig Brown must try to damage opponents that he reveres. The Scotland manager has regarded Germany as his model ever since, as a young coach, he studied the slick discipline of a Bayern Munich squad training for the 1976 European Cup final, in which they defeated Saint-Etienne at Hampden Park.

When he took control of Scotland in 1993, his first step was to pay homage to the German model by adopting the threeman defence as a customary tactic. Much as he hopes for fallibility. Brown defends his adversaries tonight against all the charges of decline that

### **TEAMS**

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have ensued since Croatia beat them 3-0 at the World Cup finals last summer.

Apart from that one result, they have been the greatest force in Europe." Brown said. "and f feel they will prove to be more consistent than France." The manager marshalls his evidence, noting that Borussia Dortmund won the European Cup only two years ago, a feat that Bayern Munich can emulate by overcoming Manches-ter United in the final next month. Recent victories, in-cluding a 3-0 win over North-ern Ireland, also suggest that Germany will quality for the European championship.

Like a fortress in a stage set. however, the apparently impregnable walls may turn out to be made only of papier-mache. There are still blows to punch a hole in German selfesteem. At the beginning of this year, Germany were



Neil Sullivan, left, and Alan Main, the goalkeepers, in discussion after Scotland's training session in the Weser Stadium. Photograph: Christof Stache

beaten 3-0 by the United States in Florida, Erich Ribbeck, the coach, explained that the hard conditioning work being un-dertaken then had deprived the side of sharpness.

Mitigating factors were no salve for national pride left raw by that rout. "For six days," Ribbeck said, "the weather was beautiful, everyone worked hard and there were no drunken players. Then, In 25 minutes, we were 3-0 down to the United States."

He recounts the episode in the phlegmatic, implicitly humorous manner of a veteran

Nonetheless, he and the squad are on probation and note will be taken of the way in which they conduct them-selves against Scotland. Ribbeck sees little place for youngsters, but, in restructuring Germany, he has called upon some established Bundesliga players who had little or no previous experience of

international football, with Oliver Neuville, the Hansa Rostock forward, making a pleasing impression.

At 29. Horst Heldt will make his debut if Marco Bode fails to recover from injury. With 134 caps, Lothar Matthaus has a reserve of expertise out of which to compensate for callowness elsewhere. Although lacking a few players, Ribbeck is content with the available resources. Brown cannot be at ease. Instead, he takes pride in a tight-knit party whose camaraderie finds an expression in philanthropy. While complimenting England's action in donating their fees for the match with Hungary tonight to aid Kosova refugees, he let it be known that the £90,000 proceeds of the World Cup song recorded by his squad had been given to the Dunblane Appeal. Mean-spiritedness is con-

fined to the pitch. Recognising that Germany attack with a forward on each wing. Brown has elected to employ the width of a back four in a game that will test Scotland's defence. Efforts will still be made to explore the true depth of Germany's confidence. "I'm not going to sit back and let them make passes," Paul Lam-bert, the former Borussia Dort-mund midfield player, said, "It's important that we go at them." Admiration for Germany will have to be confined to

### Ireland offer chance to club misfits

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN DUBLIN

MICK McCARTHY, the Ireland manager, and his international counterparts - Kevin Keegan, of England, Craig Brown, of Scotland, and Lawrie McMenemy, of Northern Ireland - share a common bond this week. They are in the wrong places at the wrong time, according to the clubs, and consequently their requests for players, at a vital stage of the domestic season. have been treated less than sympathetically.

Shadow squads, ravaged by unavailability and "injuries" have been selected and skeleton sides announced. When Ireland play a similarly weakened Sweden team at Lansdowne Road tonight, it could be construed as the friendliest of friendlies. Most of the central characters will be at home, safely tucked up in bed with a hot cup of cocoa. Still, there are Brownie

points to be earned and reputations to be resurrected before the European championship qualifying series resumes in June, when Ireland are due to play Yugoslavia in Dublin — if the group eight confusion, exacerbased by the Balkans conflict, has been resolved - and England entertain Sweden, the group five leaders. For David Connolly and Mark Kennedy, the absenteeism this evening may prove beneficial.

Connolly's extended loan period with Wolverhampton Wanderers from Feyenoord, wanterers from reversions, the Dutch champions, has taken a turn for the worse, with neither club now appearing to want him, while Kennedy can hardly get a game for Wimbledon, either. A return to the international stage could beauth from life international breathe fresh life into flagging careers.

David has looked as sharp as a tack in training. McCarthy said yesterday. "He needs to get a move, get a club and I guarantee he li score goals. It's a difficult position for him."

comparison to some of the best, but he is growing frustrated by the lack of matches it? (Manchester British Rationwide League first disvision. "I'm still control of the lack of matches it?" (Manchester British Rationwide League first disvision. "I'm still control of the lack of matches it?" (Manchester British Rationwide League first disvision. "I'm still control of the lack of matches it?" (Manchester British Rationwide League first disvision. "I'm still control of the lack of the

Feyenoord and will probably have to go back," he said. "I don't really know what my future is there, but it doesn't look very good."

Kennedy's predicament has been complicated by the ab-sence of Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, who suffered a heart attack last month. Ray Harford has taken over in a caretaker capacity but does not appear to favour Kennedy's elegant if unpredictable skills wide in midfield.

'The manager bought me for a reason and I've got another three years on my contract. but I'm not sure what's happening at the moment." Kennedy said.

Tommy Soderberg, the Sweden coach, empathises with McCarthy et al. important matters elsewhere have

Andrew Griffin, the Newcas-tie United defender, gave the FA Cup finalists a scare when he was taken off on a stretcher with an ankle injury in England Under-21's 2-2 draw with Hungary in Budapest last night. In a game delayed by a thanderstorm. England went two down before levelling through Danny Mills and a penalty by James Beattie.

denied him the services of Magnus Hedman. of Coventry City, Fredrik Ljungberg, of Arsenal, and Johan Mjallby. of Celtic.

Herik Larsson. Mjaliby's free-scoring club colleague. has been allowed leave and is relishing the break, "11's good for us to play in Dublin," he said, "It will be very useful for our preparations for the big game against England." Not everyone dislikes internation-



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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This board from the Malta Bridge Festival Pairs was against the pair who were to be our team-mates later in the week, so crowing rights as well as matchpoints were at stake.

Dealer South East-West game Pairs 4 QJ74 V642

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<b>↑ A93</b> ♥ K985
♦ A4 4 AKQ7

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: eight of spade:

My raise to Three No-Trumps was quite aggressive, but using Stayman to look for a 44 spade fit would be a definite error. Making any game should be a good result, and 420 against 400 is unlikely to make much difference. On the other hand, spades will often produce no more tricks than no-trumps, especially if opener is also 4-3-3-3. And a Stayman sequence can give away useful information to the defenders.

Tom Townsend did well to play low from dummy at trick one, winning with the nine. Then he went astray, continuing with ace and another spade. East won and switched to diamonds. Now the best declarer could do was cash out for one off.

The winning line is to cross to dummy in clubs and lead the queen of spades. If East covers declarer has four spade tricks to go with four clubs and the ace of diamonds. Declarer is also all right if East started with king-doubleton: he can finesse the seven on the way back, assuming that West would have led middle (MUD) from three small. If East holds off, declarer is still in dummy to lead towards the king of hearts for his ninth trick.

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A similar situation is A-x-x in hand facing Q-J-9-x in dummy, needing three tricks and having no outside entry to dummy. You start by finessing the nine. If the ten is onside the defenders must let this hold. Then you run the queen, hoping the king is onside. If this loses to the bare king, congratulate your right-hand opponent: ducking the ten from 10-x-x-x is world class.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

MOROLOGY a. The study of toadstools b. Greed

c. Foolish chit-chat LISKIN

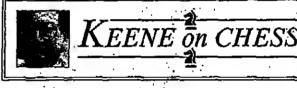
a. A maid b. A regional accent c. Malt vinegar dregs MUNG

b. A ghost c. An obsolete Chinese coin

LAXIST a. A slacker b. A laxative

c. A Monophysite heretic

Answers on page 46



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hampstead masters

Of the four events contested at Hampstead in mid-April, the masters section was won jointly by Lawrence Cooper and Angus Dunnington both of whom scored 64/9. Today's games are both from this event. Final scores: .Cooper and Dunnington 64; Krutti and Pribyl 5½; Norris 5; Sheldon 4½; David Anderton. Bekker-Jensen and Naylor 3: Matthew Anderton 21/2

White: Angus Dunnington Black Ruth Sheldon Hampstead 1999

Sicilian Defence

94 Nf3 8b5 0-0 Re1 e5 Nc3 Ba2 Be3 Bxg5 Vxg5 Qd3 e6 Rxe6 Qh7+ Rg6 Nf3 Diagram of final position

White: Ruth Sheldon Black: David Anderton

Hampstead 1999 Nimzo-Indian Defence Nc3 Qc2 a3 0-0

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38 Ke3 39 Kr4 40 h4 White resigns

Keene online You can send me your queries, puzzles, problems and games direct by e-mail. The address is keenechess@aol.com. The best contributions from Times readers will be published either here or in the Saturday Times Weekend column.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

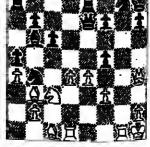
### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Matveeva Lundin, Moscow 1999. How does White exploit the broken up Black kingside?



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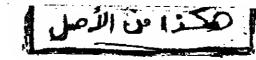
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### call on **Pybus**

will be unveiled as Pakistan's new coach today ahead of the Pybus's predecessor, resigned last week for family reasons. our side."

Owen Arthur, the Prime Minister of Barbados, apologised yesterday for the crowd disturbance that saw bottles thrown on to the pitch international between Australia and West Indies.

ATHLETICS: The three summer will command record prize-money for such events in Great Britain. The scheduled for August 7 at either Crystal Palace or Sheffield, will have around £450,000 available - more

than the seven meetings that comprise the Gold League series. TENNIS: Boris Becker, of Germany, lost to Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, 3-6.

6-3, 6-4, in the opening round of the BMW Open in Munich yesterday. Becker is playing his first tournament since the death of his father last week. ■ squash: England have made changes ahead of the European team championships that begin in Linz, Austria, today. England will defend the men's title from pool B. Lee Beachill and Marcus Berrett fill the

the England No 2.

FOOTBALL

### Jansen's recovery ahead of schedule

■ BLACKBURN Rovers are hopeful that Matt Jansen, their England Under-21 striker, could rejoin the fight against relegation. His recovery from knee surgery has been smoother than expected and although he will not be available for the trip to Charlton Athletic on Saturday, he could return for the home game against Nottingham Forest on the following weekend.

Sheffield Wednesday have not given up hope of signing Dani, the Real Mallorca striker. The Hillsborough club had a £5 million bid for the Spain international accepted a month ago, but there have been reports that Dani has stalled on the transfer in the hope of receiving an offer from Arsenal. Australia players based

overseas have agreed to return home to play against a Fifa World XI at the official opening of Stadium Australia, Sydney, on June 12. Harry Kewell, of Leeds United, Mark Bosnich, of Aston Villa. and Mark Viduka, of Celtic, will be included in the squad. Crystal Palace's miserable season took another turn for the worse yesterday when thieves raided the club offices and stole video equipment, computers and cameras worth around

£20,000. Aberdeen, the Bank of Scotland Scottish Premier League club, have offered Bournemouth £500,000 for lan Cox, their captain and central defender.

■ Henrik Larsson, of Celtic. Scotland's player of the year, has escaped with a belated booking for the gesture he made to the crowd at McDiarmid Park on Saturday, when Celtic were beaten 1-0 by St Johnstone.

### SPORT IN BRIEF

### Pakistan "I am not close to signing anyone at the moment. I need to find out how much money will have to spend and I expect that news to come soon. At the moment, I have a couple of goalkeepers in my thoughts, although nothing has been

**CRICKET:** Richard Pybus Ferguson would not reveal their identities, but the likeli-World Cup. He was hood is that Bosnich and recommended by Raia Khan. Schwarzer are uppermost in his mind. Bosnich's financial the Pakistan assistant tour demands are said to be extormanager, who is based in tionate, but if the call came to England. Javed Miandad, return to Old Trafford, there would be no surprise if he sud-Wasim Akram, the Pakistan denly felt able to conform with United's pay ceiling for players, which stands at around captain, said: "It will be very good to have Richard with

could unveil an unknown. He surprised many with the appointment earlier this season of Steve McClaren, formerly in the final one-day of Derby County, as his assistant manager and he would enjoy fooling everybody once

leading British meetings this British Grand Prix, which is

bottom order behind Paul Johnson, the British champion, and Simon Parke,

### Inter hand caretaker duties to Hodgson

By Stephen Wood and George Caulkin

ROY HODGSON, who was dismissed as manager of Blackburn Rovers five months ago, was asked yesterday to take charge of Internazionale until the end of the season. Hodgson managed Inter for two seasons before swapping the San Siro for Ewood Park in the summer of 1997. His fortimes have come full circle, however, and Inter have con-firmed that they wanted Hodgson to return as "technical director of the first team squad".

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Inter are ninth in Serie A and Hodgson has four matches in which to bring a little cheer to the club, while also healing the wounds left by the previous regime. Prime among Inter's concerns is the situation surrounding Ronaldo, the Brazil striker. Some reports suggest that Ronaldo is unhappy with life in Milan, particularly after receiving abuse from supporters after the 3-1 defeat by Udinese last

Sunday.

Ronaldo's car was pelted with stones as he left the ground and he said afterwards: "I don't expect eternal gratitude, but I think I've a right to a certain amount of understanding over the physical problems that have affected my form over the last

nine months." Hodgson was a success during his first spell in charge at Inter, but, whatever his record in the next month, he will not be in charge next season, Marcello Lippi, the former Juventus coach, has been confirmed already as the club's coach. However, it does give Hodgson another platform from which to advertise

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the Uefa Cup final of 1997 and Blackburn into the Uefa Cup in his first season in charge of

Newcastle United appear to have come up on the rails to pip Sheffield Wednesday. West Ham United and Middlesbrough in the race to sign Oleg Luzhny, the Dynamo Kiev left back.

Although there will be no formal announcement until after the FA Cup Final next month, the Ukraine captain has agreed a four-year con-tract with Newcastle, worth £1 million per season. Luzhny, 30, whose speed has earned him the nickname Horse, will cost £2 million. Newcastle are also well advanced in a £3.5 million deal to sign Alain Goma, the Paris Saint-Germain central defender.

Luzhny's move to Tyneside represents a considerable blow to Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, who travelled to Germany last week for talks with Kiev officials before their European Cup semi-final against Bayern Munich. Robson was under the impression that the transfer was all but completed.

There was further tension on Teesside yesterday when Robson reacted spikily to suggestions that Paul Gascoigne who was treated in a London clinic for alcohol-related problems last October — has suffered a relapse. Gascoigne. 31, has missed his side's past three matches.

"Everything is blown out of proportion." Robson said. "I spoke to Gazza yesterday and he has not been drunk."



Van der Sar, a shouter and organiser in the Schmeichel mould, claims that he could be leaving Ajax to become first-choice goalkeeper at Old Trafford

### Ferguson pours scorn on goalkeeper's claim

By STEPHEN WOOD

MANCHESTER United de nied yesterday that they had made an approach to Edwin van der Sar, the Ajax and Holland goalkeeper, who has put himself forward as the successor to Peter Schmeichel. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, described Van der Sar's claims that United had been in touch with him as "absolute nonsense".

Ferguson said that he had drawn up a shortlist of two goalkeepers and that Van der Sar was not on it. Schmeichel, the Denmark goalkeeper, leave Old Trafford at the end of the season, ending an eightyear association with the club.

Ferguson has received reports on several goalkeepers playing for Continental clubs since Schmeichel confirmed his decision to retire from English football last November. Undoubtedly, Van der Sar has been one, along with Gianluigi Buffon, of Parma, Carlos Roa, of Real Mallorca, and

Oscar Moens, of AZ Alkmaar. Players with English clubs under review are Mark Bosnich, of Aston Villa, who is available without a fee, Richard Wright, of Ipswich Town and Mark Schwarzer, of

Van der Sar has claimed that he has become the chosen one and has gone on record as saying: "United have been in contact with me to ask about my feelings and availability about joining them if a transfer could be agreed between the clubs. Obviously, I would

be interested." It is not surprising that Van der Sar, 28, has made his feelins known, for a move to United would reunite him with Jaap Stam, a friend and col-

Moreover, United would be able to provide Van der Sar with European football next season — something that Alax are unlikely to be able to do while also meeting his financial demands. However, Ajax will also be very interested to hear that

United have allegedly approached the player before contacting them.

Maurice Watkins, a United director who is also the club's solicitor, said yesterday: "I am

with Ajax, either. There are many people going about

nature having taken place." Van der Sar has hardly got

any potential relationship with Ferguson off to a good

start. A player declaring the

club's interest in public, before

the United manager has acted,

is not Ferguson's preferred

"It is absolute nonsense to

say we have approached this

player," Ferguson said, "and

we have never been in touch

way of doing business.



Bosnich, left, a Manchester United old boy, and Roa are believed to be under review

### Hodgson is returning to Internazionale until the end of the season, but will not be appointed on a full-time basis Middlesbrough. FOR THE RECORD FOOTBALL LUDGROVE: Klonaird Cup (All England Champlonettip): Semi-Built: RA Macon and JR Mole tr E Wess and JC Helstead 12-6, 16-10, 15-14-JP Topp and MC 7 Wissman bt H M E Wistman and P N Markianen 12-6, 15-12, 12-6. Final: Mason and Mole NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Rushden and Damonds 4 Forest Green Rovers 0; Leck Town 2 Welling Utd 4 POSTPONED: Hednestord Town v TENNIS

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HATFIELD: LTS women's arialitie four-nament: Pirst round: K Elicu (Herts) bt S Setacery (Fr) 6-2, 7-5, L Penters (Durham and Cleveland) bt A Van Den Hurk (Neth) 7-5, 6-2; H Crook (Essen) bt B Auer (Aus-tria) 6-0, 6-2; L Combes (Pr) bt N Payne (N

Sco) 6-3, 6-2; A Zaporozhanova (Ulor) bi A Tordoff (Kant) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Losey (Switz) bi K Kamer (Ger) 6-0, 6-1; K Kouke-love (Cz) bit E Lebescond (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; K Mraz (Fr) bi J Dawson (Sussed 7-6, 6-3; K Collin (Surrey) bit K Wame-Holland (Dorset) 6-2, 6-4; J Moree (Warke) bit S Smon (Ger) 6-0, 6-4; S Testand (Fr) bit N Melch (Austra) 6-3, 6-3, V Cournes (Fr) bit R Telementa (Japan) 6-4, 7-5; Y Basling (Neith) bit N Egorove (Russi 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; B Kapenschri (Fr) bit J Havacove (Cz) 3-6, 7-6, 6-1; J Smith (Surrey) bit A Keothevong (Midch) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, T Musgrave (Aus) bit H Matthews (Berks) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

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### FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Hungary v England (at Nep Stadium, Budapest, 7.15) Ireland v Sweden (at Lansdowne Road, Dublin) Nationwide Conference

Forest Green v Dover (7.45)

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(7 0), Bradford City v Wrenfam (2 0), Hud-dersfield Town v Newcastle-Direct (7 0); Uncoln City v Sheffeld United (2 0); Nots County v Ripherham United (2 0). Scarbor-ough v Stockpon County (7 0). Third diffu-ation: Bury v Darlington (2 0), Chester City v Chesterfield (2 0), Scunthorpe United v Wal-sell (7 0), Wigen Arristic v Hull City (2 0); Halifax Town v Hamlepool United (2 0). FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE UN-OER-19: Play-offs, third round: Notting-ham Forest v Middlesbrough (20). SCHWEPPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers United v Basil-don U, Elon Manor v Stansted.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bury Town v loswich League Cup: Final: Felixstowe Port and Town v Sudbury Wanderers.

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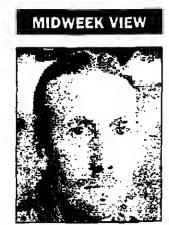
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Ginola sitting pretty as football prefers style to substance

### Victory for the beautiful game



Simon Barnes Sports Feature Writer of the Year

feel pretty . . . oh so pretty . . . I feel pretty and witty and - but let us consider more closely the case of David Ginola, the Player of the Year. It was my dear colleague. Lynne Truss, who imagined Ginola singing the West Side Story song as he skipped along the wing, evading full backs with a comely sway of the hips.

A player's player, people like to say in praise of any dingy and anonymous performer whose unspectacular but solid contributions are useful in grinding out 1-0 victories. But. this year, the players' player of the year is Ginofa, the fancies! of all Dans, the fannymerchant par brillance, a person whose love of the limelight is equalled only by the (a) lady at the end of Morecambe and Wise: "And I love you all!"

It is, in its way, a rather shocking award. We are used to the Ginola Polurisation: Des Lynam thinks he's great. being a mere spectator, while Alan Hansen - a man who, to judge by his bulging wardrobe, is hardly immune from the I Feel Pretty Syndrome himself - writes him off as an insubstantial talent, one that merely decorates occasions, a man of more style than substance.

It has become traditional in this country to admire more humdrum talenis than Ginola's. Bobby Robson built his England team of the Eighties around Bryan Robson rather than Glenn Hoddle, not so much a footballing decision as a philosophical and perhaps an aesthetic one. England prefers the classical to the

baroque: discuss. In fact, the preference for the dull and solid over the extravagant is a kind of freemasonry. If you like the fancy. you are declaring that you are a dilettante football watcher, a person who does not at boiiom, understand, a person who, at heart, doesn't care. It is an aspect of football's traditional anti-snobbery. But there is certainly an aes-

thetic dimension to sport. It is. for most of us. a secondary pleasure, behind the heart-



Ginola's triumph showed that football is now able to recognise and reward talent rather than merely mistrust it

conflict. But it exists. It lurks in football in the concept of a "good" goal (there is no such thing as a bad goal, by the

way). Hoddle was conscious of this as a player. His delight in the parabola of the floated pass and the chipped goal was at the heart of his game. And the watchers also took delight in this. It is more than a cerebral appreciation of skill there is a spontaneous pleasure in the mere beauty of it. the more delightful for its context of struggle.

In cricket, there is a tradition that allows an unabashed delight in aesthetics. Cricket watchers will, of course, give cheery applause for a hefty thump, but they reserve a revland delights of struggle and erennal "Shot!" for a perfectly

executed, grass-scorching ex-tra-cover drive. Mark Waugh is generally regarded as a "better" batsman than his twin, Steve, but Steve is the one man in the world you would choose to score a century - or at least 90-odd - for your life.

Rugby union supporters are always baying at the England team to be prettier, to please out!" they shout, demanding a flashy passing movement rather than a forward grind. They boo when England elect to kick a penalty, cheer when they take the gamble and spin

All the horsey sports are, by their nature, beautiful. Stable lads spend hours improving on nature, brushing the most complicated chessboard patterns into the horse's rumps. They want their charges to look as beautiful as possible. It is part of the game. Track and field athletics is

also beautiful. Television's love affair with the slo-mo is never more fully consummated than with athletics, most especially the field events. Leni Reifenstal's film of the 1936 Olympic Games was a celebration of the pure beauty of sport, the competitive element almost forgotten in the beauties of leaping and plunging

There are some sports that specifically seek beauty. The participants give everything they have as they compete to see who is the most beautiful. The kovacs — the somersaulting release-and-catch move on

the high bar in men's gymnastics - is perhaps the most beautiful of all moments in the purely human sports. Gymnastics, skating, diving - all are about the vicious and competitive pursuit of pure beauty.

Oh, there is no denying that sport is full of beauties - have you ever watched greyhounds race over hurdles? And there is no doubt that everyone who watches sport responds to sport's aesthetic dimensions. Ginola's award represents that rare thing: football coming out of the closet and admitting this obvious truth. "What a beautiful goal," we say, with no more self-consciousness than Wordsworth said: "Gosh,

what beautiful daffodils." Foot-

ball celebrates a host of golden

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### Benchmark shows strength of Leeds

By Christopher Irvine

IT IS a sure sign of confidence the few advantages that Lonwhen the substitutes' bench provides more selection headaches than the starting XIII, which is the same for Leeds Rhinos at Wembley on Saturday as the one that beat Wigan Warriors early in the Silk Cut

Challenge Cup campaign. The only doubt was resolved yesterday when Richie Blackmore, whose appearances this season have been restricted to the cup run because of a groin injury, was preferred to Marvin Golden at centre. Golden is doubly unfortunate, having also missed out on the bench. where Leeds have opted for three forwards and one back, Marcus St Hilaire.

Apart from Francis Cummins, who appeared in the 1994 and 1995 finals for Leeds, Blackmore is the only other Rhinos player with Wembley final experience - he played there in 1992 for Castleford. The fact that Shaun Edwards, Martin Offiah and Karle Hammond have played in 16 finals between them is one of

don Broncos can boast. Odds-on to win, Graham Murray, the Leeds coach,

eschewed the fashion to talk down his side's chances. "Having beaten Wigan, St Helens and Bradford in the competition gives you some right to be favourites," he said. "We got somewhere back to our best last weekend. The fact punters and bookmakers see us as favourites is not a problem, because we think we have a bit of

Edwards had X-rays taken of his broken thumb yesterday and will see the consultant again tomorrow. Murray is in little doubt that he will be at scrum half for the Broncos. "I think he'll play, but the bottom line is about us," he said. "Sheffield got their game right in the final last year and Wigan didn't. We've got to get our

game right."
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**WORD-WATCHING** 

Answers from page 44

MOROLOGY (c) Foolish talking. From the Greek words.

(a) Dutch maidservant. From Liesje, the diminutive of Elisabeth.

(a) Or moong. A species of vetch, Phaseolus Mungo, common in India. Also, the fibre of this plant, of which mats are made.

(a) One who favours lax views or interpretation, specifically the designation given by modern historians to the school of casuists in the Roman church who maintained that it was justifiable to fol-

low any probability, however slight, in favour of liberty. SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE I Rxg8+! Kxg8 (I ... Rxg8 2 Qxe7) 2 RgI+ Kh8 3 Bg5 and wins.

## Potted history of the UK QUIZZZI

Leviathan BBC2, 7.30pm

Here we are, between St George's Day (April 23) and the elections for the Sconish parliament and Welsh assembly. What better time to look at the history of the Union and the prospects for its continuing? Nicky Campbell presents Union Jocks, about the history and significance of the relationship between Southand and England since relationship between Scotland and England since 1707; Ralph Steadman gives a three-minute guide to the history of the Welsh language: Mark Urban looks back to the first powersharing deal, the Sunningdale agreement, in Northern Ireland.

The Naked Chef

Jamie Oliver goes from strength to strength in this unfussy series. Tonight he babysits three young female cousins for the day, enlists them in preparing a meal and shows us how to make and stuff fresh pasta and create a super-looking semi-freddo (like ice-cream but funkier). As critics have acknowledged, from the first show, here is a new star chef and the main attraction is that he does not seem to want to be, or know that he might be, a star: the food is what matters.

BBC1. 9.35pm

The only radical thing about Gareth Hale and Norman Pace's new show is the fact that they seem to have given up even the pretence of being comedians: if there was a gag I missed it. What I comedians: if there was a gag I missed IL What I did not miss included a spoof celebrity panel quiz featuring the radio DJs Tony Blackburn. "Jonno" Coleman and the Eurovision winner Katrina; a protracted audience participation segment in which a young woman took a screen test and had her efforts spliced into old footage; and a Celebrity Stars in Their Eyes, for which Anthea Turner was transformed into a double parody of Shane McGowan, the heavy-drinking former leader of The Pogues. Makes Families at War look even more like a work of genius.



The violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter plays-Beethoven (BBC2, 11.20pm)

Anne-Sophie Mutter: My Year with Beethoven,

BBC2, 11.20pm (except Scotland) At the opposite end of the cultural food chain, here is the top classical violinist of the age, filmed travelling the world and performing, along with accompanist Lambert Orkis, Beethoven's ten violin sonatas. Mutter's absolute commitment to her art is as compelling as her virtuosity. This series makes clear that such high artistry is built on an informed, utterly disciplined approach. Seven of the ten sonatas are featured in this series

International football: Hungary v England

Sky Sports 2, 6,30pm Having survived possible postponement because of the proximity of the conflict in the Balkans and Kevin Keegan's concerns that this may be a meaningless friendly. England's trip to Budapes, goes ahead. Hungary may no longer be the team they were in the 1950s but this could still represent a useful yardstick as to the Euro 2000 potential of certain England players. With Michael Owen out for the rest of the season with a hamstring minuty Keepan is persisting with Alan Shearer in attack. Keegan is persisting with Alan Shearer in attack; in tandent with Kevin Phillips. Louise Godfrey

Professor Anthony Giddens's fourth lecture is about the family. There was no preview tage

available but I have seen a summary of what I am assured were the main points. One sentence is of

particular interest, given that the city in which the lecture was recorded is Washington, where the

Clinton-Lewinsky cliffhanger was played out It

reads: "Among the changes going on in the world, none are more important than those happening in our personal lives — in sexuality, relationships, marriage and the family," Giddens talks of "a pure relationship" which depends on "the processes of the processes

active trust, opening one's self up to the other.

Questions are invited from the audience. One of them comes from Hillary Clinton. Peter Davalle

BBC WORLD SERVICE

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### RADIO CHOICE

The 1999 Reith Lecture Composer of the Week/Jazz Notes Radio 4.8pm Radio 3, midday and 11.30pm

No devotee of Duke Ellington will be unaware that this week marks his centenary. BBC Radio is pulling out all the stops to celebrate the occasion. Of course, there is no shortage of music or words to draw upon. Nor should there be, considering the multiplicity of hats "the Duke" wore — composer, conductor, pianist, arranger. Radio 2 is well into Russell Davies's Sweet Thunder series on Tuesday and, pushing the boat out in spectacular fashion every day this week, Radio 3 devotes its Composer of the Week slot to "the Duke", and so does Jazz Notes. This morning, Composer of the Week recalls how the decline in Ellington's fortunes after the Second World War was reversed when he took part in the 1956 Newport Jazz Festival.

### RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30em Chrs Moyles 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Radofilla 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Steve Lamaco, The Evening Session 10.00 Movie Update with Mark Kermode 10.10 John Peet Cometus. live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London 12.00 Gilles Peterson 2.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

### RADIO 2 (BBC)

6,00am Sarsh Kennsdy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Kan Bruce 12,00 Jimmy Young 2,00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Richard Alfrison 7.00 No.6 Barnaclough 8.00 Mike Hending 9,00 Gaind of Soul, Singer Dayl Hall Jakes a look at the career of Diana Ross (5/8) 10.00 Tom Paxtorr Still Bambin' (4/8) 10.30 Richard Alfinson 12,00 Katrina Leskanich 3.00am Alex Lester

### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 News 1.00pm Ian Payne 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.10 John Inverdals's Footbell Night. Commentary on tonight's 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

8.00am The Big Boys Breaktast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Let's Talk Pets 1.00pm Anna Raebum 4.00 The Scorts Zone 7.00 Off Side with Sebestian Coe 8.00 Sportzone: Hungary v England 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

### VIRGIN

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Lipidates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Hall of Fame Hour and CD of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones spins Islanes' favourtes 2.00pm Concerto, Joseph Horovaz (Trumpel Concerto) 3.00 Jamie Crick, Including Continuous Classes and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight, Headlines, arts news and guests 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven, John Brunning Litterdage, consultations, control 6.00 Exercise. Content and guests 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven, John Brunning introduces easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Cooter. Schumann (Overture, Julius Caesar): Brahms(Serenade No 1 in D major); Schumann (Violin Concerto in D manor, Fartay Pieces) 11.00 Mann at Night Music until the small house 2.00am Concerto, Joseph Horovitz (Trumpet Concerto) in 3.00 Mark Grittiths. The Early BreakJast Show

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6.00am On Air With Petroc Trelawny. Music includes Parry's English Suite, performed by the LSO 9.00 Masterworks With Peter Hobday, Corelli | Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 9); 9.10 Telemann (Cantata, Wer nur den keben Gott lasst waiten); 9.27 Mozart (Flute Quartet in A, K298); 9.38 Prokofev, trans Nikolaeva (Peter and the Woll); 9.59 Hayon (Symphony No 92 in G, Oxford) 10.30 Artist of the Week Clamettis Emma Johnson 11.00 Sound Stories Master of the King's Music 12.00 Composer of the Week Clamettis Emma Johnson 11.00 Composer of the Week Clamettis Emma Johnson Othora, piano. Chopin (Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44; Mazurka in A minor, Op 59 No 1; Scherzo No 1 in B minor, Op 20, Two Nocturnes, Op 27; Ballade No 1 in G minor, Op 23]

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2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka, Leon McCawley, pano. Bizet (Suite, L'arlesienne); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor); Franck (Symphony in Distant D minor)
4.00 Choral Evensong Live from the Chapel of New

College, Oxford, with the Band of Instruments
5.00 in Tune Includes Schumann's Introduction and Allegro Appassionato, (Murray Perahla, piano)
7.30 Performance on 8 Yo-Yo Ma, cello, Amsterdar

Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman Rameau (Suite, Dardanus); Bach, trans Koopman (Ihr Menschen, ruhmet Gottes Liebe; Air from Suite No 3 in D. Jesu Nahmn zu Sich die Zwolfe. Die Blenden Sollen Essen, Erbarme Dich, Si Matthew Passion): Boccherini (Cello Concerto No 7 in G. G480): Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A. K201) 9.10 Postscript What makes a great musical setting? 9.30 Mahler Lieder eines lahrenden Gesellen. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, bartone, Philharmonia under Wilhelm Eurkepoder.

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10.00 The Plano Piers Lane profiles Mauroro Pollins

11.00 Night Waves Laura Cumming discusses the exhibition New Art for a New Era at the Barbocan. Night Waves Louis Andrew Era at the Baronau exhibition New Art for a New Era at the Baronau in London, the first showing outside Russia of in London, the first showing outside Russia of works drawn from the Museum of Artistic Culture works drawn from the Museum of Artistic Culture

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Beethoven (Variations in F, Op 34); 3.00-4.30
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ol matching her cowgiil mother's achievements in the mate-dominated world of rodeo nding (2/4) |10 Bristow Frank Dickins' classic cartoon strip (2/6)

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.04pm You and Yours

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1.00 The World at One With Nick Clarke
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Evans, with Mark Stephens, Eligen Pembridge.

Evans, with Mark Stephens, Elleen Pernbridge, Peter Carter-Ruck and Marcel Berlins

2.00 The Archers (r)

2.15 Afternoon Play: When We Were Queens Peter Straughan's take of teenage runaways whose lives are turned around by becoming Shakespearean queens. Dax O'Cellahan and Leytand O'Brien star

3.00 Gardeners' Question Time Bob Flowerdew, Micel Collorer and Leytang arouser. Nigel Colborn and John Cushnie answer questions put by gardeners from the Women's Common Room club of Queen's University,

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3.30 Naming the Universe Pictures in the Sky Heather Couper explores the night sky, revealing the hidden stories of the constellations (3/5) 3.45 This Sceptred Isle Anna Massey narrates parl 83 of the history of Britain (r)
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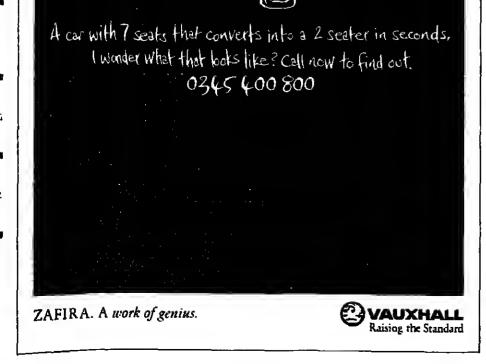
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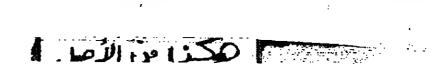
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12.00 News
12.30am The Late Book: Biggest Elvis Ron Bergas reads part eight of P F Kluge's novel (f)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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### Quizzical snapshot of the English at play

as Martin Parr, who made Thinking of Eng-tand for BBC2's Modern Times, sniggering at that middle-aged couple in their seaside bedand-breakfast as they admitted never having been abroad (thereby, they were sure, sparing them nimmy upsets), and as they swooned at the loveliness of their modest lodgings, and as they licked their lips when their traditional Sunday-roast-and-three-veg arrived? Or was Parr celebrating the contentment they were able to England, while their compatriots waited in airport lounges for delayed flights to overcrowded resorts in too hot countries?

Much of Parr's film hugged that thin line between laughing with people and laughing at them — those Little Englanders, those inarticulate Liverpudlians, those bray-Henley. But part of Parr's talent as a stills photographer — he is a Royces during the Season; trains-Magnum man — is that however potters at Crewe on a Sunday afterunglamorous the poses in which he catches his subjects, an under-lying sense of affection stops the

photographs looking (too) cruel.
He has perfected this photographic art so magnificently, you wondered at first why he should bother to make a film; much as you might wonder what the point is of transferring a bespoke radio show such as Just a Minute to television. But in Thinking of England Parr has succeeded in capturing the flavour of his snapshots of English life on video, too. Here, again, were his usual suspects: sandwiches eaten in car seats by couples looking out to sea: Thermos flasks: windswept beaches; village cricket; men watching football on a pub's TV; village fêtes; tombolas; biggest-rhubarb competitions: pony rides on the beach; jingoism; racism; friendliness; poached sal-

mon eaten from the boots of Rolls-

noon; there was even a bald man protecting his head from the sun with a knotted handkerchief.

he angle of the camera, the way the shots were framed. meant you could have taken stills from this film and still recognised in them Martin Parr's photographic signature. It bore some-thing of the relationship to Parr's photographs that an animated film has to the cartoon strip on which it is based. Here, instead of having to guess what his subjects might be thinking, we could actually hear them. What did this man in a supermarket like about England? Everything, f fought in the

war, pur it that way."
Nobody really had too bad s word to say for the place. It may not always have been an Englishness you empathise with, but it was always an Englishness you REVIEW



could easily recognise. Parr's isn't necessarily a portrait of England you would want foreigners to see: it is one thing if you squirm at something that your mother said. but that doesn't mean you would tolerate an outsider taking potshots at her. Thinking of England wasn't always uplifting, but it was nevertheless an affectionate film made by a member of the family.

For a truly depressing snapshot of English life, you could have watched The Decision: Dodger (Channel 4), about s boy hopelessly trapped in the vortex of despair and delinquency. David Richardson, known as Dodger. has spent a third of his 15 years in care. He is clearly scarred by his mother's decision - taken when he was seven - to sign him over to social services: "You could of got us back earlier, but you didn't want us back," he still scolds her.

Dodger skips school. He is in

trouble with the police. His health is poor. The abdication of parental responsibility seems obvious to everybody except Dodger's mother Jackie, whose cussed manner has exasperated 17 social workers over the years. Emotionally bruised. Dodger is also physically deprived. Although he is back at home with his mother and sister, they take it in turns to sleep on the one bed in the house. Dena, his

by the mother's attitude. Even-tually she feels she has no alternaove but to recommend taking Dodger back into care. The most depressing aspect of this decision is not that it almost ensures Dodger will be catapulted into stormier emotiona) turmoil and maybe even closer familiarity with the police, but that this bleak option was thought the rosiest prospect on Dodger's horizon.

s with last week's film in this three-part series. which delved into the case notes of a 15-year-old girl begin-ning life as a single mother, Oliver Morse, the producer, steers clear of shaping your opinion. Then again, he doesn't need to. This is Martin Parr, without the reassur-ing God-bless-Blighty undertow. Few Englishmen can carry off the smart-casual look the way men can on the Continent, where even

cabinet meetings in a sports jacket. Here, men still feel nobody will take them seriously unless their jacket and trousers match. Even now, Richard Branson's "bohemian" dress sense is thought noteworthy in business profiles.

But BBC2's new series. Ready to Wear, showed that Englishmen have come a long way since the 1950s, when even a pattern on your socks, let alone an Italian suit, might lead people to think - as one contributor put it - you were "that way". Still, Englishmen's initial rebellion against the suit were not always successful. They leapt into slares you could house a family of refugees under: lapels as wide as Heathrow landing strips; and tank tops so colourful that they must have been made of leftovers from their granny's wool box. Some of Martin Parr's most endearing photographs are of Englishmen who still dress this way.

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11.00 News; Weather (T) (5428374) 11.05 City Hospital (1) (9638003) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (6041026) 12.00 Going for 8 Song (8839913) 12.25pm Just a Minute (T) (5689490) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (11135428) 1.00 News; Weather (T) (75190) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (58586480) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (95788119)

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2.00 Through the Keyhole (T) (6916) 2.30 Snooker and Racing from Ascot Snooker: Quarter-final coverage from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, Racing: 3.05 Insulpak Sagaro Stakes and the 3.40 Insulpak Victoria Cup (97845) 4.00 Children's BBC: Starhill Ponles (1853312) 4.10 The Adventures of Shirley

Holmes (7874596) 4.35 The Demon Headmaster (7013119) 5.00 Newsround (5045916) 5.10 Blue Peter (2806515) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (259664) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (683)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (935) 7.00 Holiday Behaving Badty Men Behaving Badly stars Leslie Ash, Neit Morrissey, Caroline Quentin and Martin Clunes send postcards from such diverse destinations as London, San Francisco, Costa Rica and Perth in Australia (T) (6472)

7.30 Tomorrow's World: WebWise Special Hale and Pace join Philippa Forester and Peter Snow at the British Library in London for the launch of the BBC's technology education campaign (T) (119) 8.00 Changing Rooms Neighbours in Wales take up the challenge of transforming a room in each others' house (1) (1) (9480) 8.30 Battersea Dogs' Home (T) (524596) 8.50 The National Lottery: Greatest Hits Angela Griffin presents the mickweek draw, with live music from Curlosity Killed

the Cat (1) (400577) 9.00 News; Weather (T) (6751) 9.29 National Lottery Update (990041) 9.30 Party Election Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats (T) (244409)



Anthea Turner Impersonates Shane McGowan of The Pogues (9.35pm)

9.35 CIDICE hap@bbc Vanety show, presented by the comedians Hale and Pace (T) (825916) 10.15 Crimewatch File (172461)

11.00 Panorama Special: The Killing of Kosovo (899521) 11.40 Film 99 with Jonathan Ross Reviews of

At First Sight and eXisten? (1) (877732) 12,10am The Devil's Bed (1994) Romantic thriller, with Nicollette Sheridan. Directed by Sam Pilisbury (1614981) 1.40 Weather (2692271)

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7.00am Children's BBC Breaklast Show: Nody in Toyland (74461) 7.30 Top Cat (8517645) 7.55 Trading Places: French Exchange (8872138) 8.20 Destardly and Muttey 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts 8.50 Pingu (3058312) 8.58 Teles from the Net (1608119) 9.00 The Geography Programme 9.10 Numbertime (458839) 9.25 Folk Dance (9140799) 9.45 Words and Pictures 10.00 Teletubbles (70157) 10.30 Numbertime 10.45 Cats' Eyes (9028645) 11.05 Number Adventures (6947480) 11.20 The Geography Programme 11.40 Science in Action (2847393) 12.00 Shakespeers: The Tales (25206) 12.30pm

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the quarter-finals, Racing: The 2.30 EBF Insulpak Swinley Stakes (82461022) 2.45 News; Weather (T) (8882732) 2.50 Westminster (1) (6104461) 3.55 News; Weather (T) (7688577)

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7.30 CHOICE Leviathan Celebrities pey tribute to Scotland, Wales and Northern freiand (461)



Star chaf Jamie Oliver prepares a

8.00 CHOICE The Naked Chef New culinary series, presented by chef Jamie Oliver (T) (7022) 8.30 Home Front (T) (6157)

9,00 Snooker: World Chempionship Conclusion of the quarter-finals (5022) 10.30 Party Election Broadcast (352190) 10,35 Newsnight (T) (950461)

11.18 Video Nation Shorts from the Balkans

11.20 CROICE Anne-Sophle Mutter: My Year with Baethoven World tour by the German violinist (195732) 11.55 Weather (299190)

12.00 Despatch Box (80784) 12.30am BBC Learning Zone: OU: Seal Secrets (88523) 1.00 Walking and Running (48542) 1.30 Swimming in Fish (69523) 2.00 Schools: PSHE —

Lifeschool A-Z (51146) 4.00 Languages: Make French Your Business (20078) 5.00 Business and Training: Web Wise (3746368) 5.45 OU: The Great Iron and Steel Rollercoaster (2243726) 6.10

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5.30em ITV Morning News (56886) 6.00 GMTV (2400480) 9.25 Trisha (1) (3153751) 10.30 This Morning (T) (49777119) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7623003) 12.30 ITV News; Weether (T) (2254157) 12.55 Shortland Street (1313935)

1.30 Home and Away Has Marilyn committed suicide? (T) (18713461) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (T) (5688119) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (1) (2677374) 3.10 fTV News Headfines (1) (5378770)

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Wildtrack (7031515) 5.00 Home and Away (7) (T) (5664) 5.30 Live and Local (138) 5.58 HTV Weather (844022)

6.00 HTV News (T) (122312) 6.25 Party Election Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats (461848) 6.29 Crimestoppers (461848)

6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (913) 7.00 Emmerdale Biff and Chris come to blows (T) (5428)

7.30 Coronation Street Mike's future looks increasingly bleek (T) (515)



Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood share a romantic interlude (8pm)

8.00 The Bridges of Madison County (1995) Romantic drama Italian housewife Meryl Streep meets inherant photographer Clint Eastwood searching for rural lowa's famous covered bridges and it is not long before the pair realise they have found the soulmates they have been seeking all their lives. Directed by Clint Eastwood (T) (990461)

10.30 The Big March Highlights of Hungary v England (39409) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (1) (724916)

11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (440577) 11.30 Eastwood on Eastwood Profile o actor-director Clint Eastwood (r) (881515) 12.35am Mystery Date (1991) A wanted criminal lends his car to his younger brother for the evening — but falls to tel

him about the corpse in the boot. Black comedy, starring Ethan Hawke. Directed by Jonathen Wacks (865879) 2.20 Night of the Prowler (1962) An executive frames his parmer for murder so he can take over their company. Thritler, with Patrick Holt. Directed by Francis A. Searle (8369287)

3.30 Trisha (1) (T) (95368) 4.30 The Making of Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (r) (23233)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (41843)

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As HTV West except: 12.20-12.30pm Central News and Weather (9841732)

12.55 Home and Away (2239848) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4403664) 2.10-2.40 Echo Point (89476935) 3.15-3.20 Central News; Weather (5377041) 5.30 Shortland Street (138)

6.00-6.25 Central News at Six: Weather 11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (440577)

4.25am Central Jobfinder '99 (7596875) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9005146)

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8.00am Sesame Street (r) (71026) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (98041)

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12.30pm Bewitched (r) (T) (78886) 1.00 Suddenly Susan (64288)

1.30 Little Gerns Nostalgia (r) (T) (58573770) 1.45 Earthscape The endangered warthog

1.55 The Pied Piper (1942) Wartime adventure about French children escaping from the Nazis. Monty Woolley and Roddy McDowall star. Directed by Irving Pichel (T) (21169770)

3.30 Collectors' Lot Collectibles relating to William Shakespeare, a house filled with peculiar oddments, and the continuing estoration of a 1940s wireless (T) (409) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (916)

4.30 Countdown (T) (7030886) 4.55 Rickl Lake (T) (9885119)

5,30 Pet Rescue (T) (480) 6.00 Dawson's Creek Dawson wins a prize for his short film. Jen lets her hair down at

a party and Andie attempts to boost Pacey's self-esteem (T) (164374) 6.50 T4orce (994886). 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (476041)

7,55 Margaret Thatcher: Where Am I Now? Steve Bell's animated took at the Thatcher years (3/5) (T) (374393) 8.00 Brookside (T) (2190)

8.30 She's Gotta Have It How to look stylish at work without breaking the bank, plus two women buy a new outfit on vasity different budgets (T) (1225)



Eric La Salte (Or Benton) finds his career is under threat (9pm)

9.00 ER Corday faces questioning from Weaver over the complaint she lodged about Romano, Hathaway and Ross help a dying boy, and Benton's career is on the line (T) (4645)

10.00 Spin City Supermodel Heidi Klum guest-stars (T) (11003) 10.30 Eurotrash (i) (T) (20751) 11.00 The 11 O'Clock Show (1206) 11.30 Jo Whiley (r) (T) (483409)

12\_20am Football (5369t 455) 2.45 Trans World Sport (638097) 3.45 Electric Avenue Last in the series (4/4) (r) (T) (70610)

4.15 Frieda (1947) Second World War drama, starring Mai Zetterling as a German nurse who suffers hostility and abuse after arriving in England with her British husband. Directed by Basil Dearden (T) (640726)

### CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport With Becky Anderson (5361041)
7.00 WideWorld Part four, Media attention surrounding the American President, Including interviews with Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford (r) (T) (2228157)

7.30 Milkshake! (2016515) 7.35 Muppet Bables; 5 News Update (4447428)

8.00 Havekazoo (r) (8210461) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r); 5 News Update

9.00 The Roseanne Show (1) (5923770) 9.50 Russell Grant's Postcards

(8331003) 9.55 The Bold and the Beautiful James receives a shock the morning after (T)

(8167022) 10.20 Sunset Beach Cole realises the truth about Trey (T) (4623683)

11.10 Leeza (r) (3395848) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8220848)

12.30pm Family Affairs (1) (1): 5 News Update (9231567) 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The chat show host talks to the Duchess of York

1.50 McMillian and Wife: Reunion in Terror (TVM 1975) Mac is drawn into another murder case white attending his high school reunion. Mystery thriller, with Rock Hudson and Susan Saint James, Directed by Mel Ferber, 5 News Update

3.10 The Third Dey (1965) A man suffering from amnesla tries to piece together his tragmented memories of the cost fragmented memories of the past, but his investigations lead to a shocking accusation of murder, Crime thriller, with George Peppard, Directed by Jack Smight (34328515)

5.20 5 News (59639409) 5.30 100 Per Cent (6518312)

6.00 5 News; Weather. Round-up of the day's stories, including First on Five (T) (6515225)

6.30 Family Affairs (T): 5 News Update (6506577) 7.00 Police Squad Spool cop comedy, with

Leslie Nielsen (2525461) 7.30 Wild in the USA Companson between the common red lox and its lesser-known tive the kit fox (T): 5 News Update

(6595461) 8.00 Nature's Fury Personal accounts of natural disasters, including earthquakes in Japan, Mexico and India, plus home-video footage of approaching Iomadoes and humicanes (r) (T); 5 News

Update (9716428) 9.00 Chains of Gold (1991) John Travolta co-wrote and stars in this diama as a social worker whose dedication to the job prompts him to rescue a youngster in his care who has fallen foul of a ruthless drug-dealing gang. With Joey Lawrence,

Mariku Henner and Hector Elizondo. Directed by Rod Holcomb (T) (49668683) 10.50 Barcelona v Brazil Highlights Introduced by Sieve Scott (4015003) 11.30 UK Raw (4501664)

12.00 Major League Baseball Live (9012523)
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6,00pm Nelly and Monsieur Amaud (1985) (7391794): 7.40 Sunny Spels (749974): 8.00 The Innocerts (1961) (33298335) 0.45 The Man Who Fell to Earth (1976) (74913556) (12.10am Desperado (1995) (5211726) 1.55 El Martischi (1992) 4410610 3.20 Get Shorty (1995) (3520257) 8.00 Close

9.00pm Mildred Pierce (1945) (6354835; 11.15 All the Fine Young Cannibals (1960) (2366003) 1.30em Orry Dingus Magee (1970) (44650346 2.00 Mildred Pierce (1945) (84624813) 5.00 C.356 SKY SPORTS 1

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Higgins races to commanding lead at the Crucible

RACING 42

More gloom for Maguire as injury jinx strikes again



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### Keegan gives first chance to one forward and perhaps a final opportunity to another



Off the shelf: Phillips, who was stacking bread at a warehouse only four years ago, makes his England debut against Hungary in Budapest tonight. Photograph: Marc Aspland

### Phillips caps striking rise

IT IS symptomatic of a match conceived in ignorance and raised in indifference that a man who was once fit only to clean Alan Shearer's boots and whose little sister played at Wembley before he did should take centre stage in the Nep Stadium tonight, when England play Hungary.

The odds are stacked so high against the game that nobody really wanted that football's undying sense of from dictates it is likely to yield something of great worth, be it a performance of stellar potential or the belated flowering of a talent almost abandoned. England's recent football

for so long. Whalever Kevin Keegan

history is littered with such events. The game against Brazil in the Maracana in 1984. which made a superstar out of John Barnes and helped to launch the career of Mark Hateley, is one. The match with Egypt in 1986, which pro-rided Peter Beardsley with his

first cap, is another. Tonight, it may be that Steve McManaman finally rams the taunts of the critics back down their throats and proves that he can perform with the same vivacity and impudence that has characterised his career with Liverpool

said yesterday to take the heat off him, this England team has been constructed around McManaman, its midfield packed with three ball-winning Rottweilers - Tim Sherwood, David Batty and Nicky Butt - to give him total freedom to try to wreak havoc behind the front two.

Against a Hungary side that is susceptible defensively and struggling forlornly to recap-ture past glories, McManaman will never have a better chance to shake off the tag of international failure.

The night might just as easily belong to Kevin Phillips, the prolific Sunderland striker, who was an apprentice with Southampton when Shearer's career at The Dell was beginning to take off and who will win his first cap alongside the England captain.

Even though Wes Brown, the Manchester United defender, will also make his debut, it was Phillips who commanded most of the attention yesterday. The speed of his rise from obscurity seemed to fit the mood of opportunity that Keegan has tried to build around this match.

Four years ago. Phillips, who has scored 53 goals in 79 appearances for Sunderland. was playing non-league footbalt for Baldock Town, stacking shelves at a Sunblest warehouse and later driving a forklift truck to load radiators and copper piping for B&Q. He

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

will be playing tonight, he said, for his 17-month-old daughter. Millie Ann. who was taken to hospital on Saturday when doctors suspected that she was suffering from meningitis. His only thoughts then were for her. He was on the verge of pulling out of Keegan's squad.

"It was a major scare for me," Phillips said yesterday. "but thankfully she pulled through. She had not been well for about three weeks, her temperature had been up and down. We took her to the game on Saturday and I got a call as I came off the pitch about an hour before the game and the doctor was saying she had to be rushed to hospital because she had come over all

"I went into the medical room to see her and it was scary. I thought I was losing her and I went to hospital and thankfully she responded. It was touch and go whether I came here.

Phillips, 25, has had more than his share of adversity. His father, Ray, who had helped him to keep his discipline when he was at Baldock. stopped him going out with his friends on Friday nights and generally kept his feet on the ground, died suddenly three years ago. "He will be looking down on me tomorrow," Phillips said. "He would be very proud,"

His career seemed to have stalled before it had started. Rejected by Southampton because Chris Nicholl, the manager, thought that he was too small and weak for a striker, he rebuilt his career at Bald-

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ock, where he earned £ISO a week, before moving on to Watford - where he actually took a pay cut - and then Sunderland.
"I think I appreciate things
more because of all that," he

said. "It has been a hell of a rollercoaster ride for me and my family and I am deter-mined to get the most out of it "I work hard every day in training. I enjoy my life. I

think it's a fantastic life. It's not for ever, so I think you have to work at it while you have got it. If you put it in. there are great rewards. "It has really turned into a fairytale for me, but I know it

could all end just as quickly. I'm not inomidated by the thought of playing with Alan. but it is a shock for me to come and start training with the big boys. I have not even had a taste of the Premiership yet. "I even struggled to get into

the Baldock team straight away. They had been playing me at right back in the Southampton youth team, but thankfully they gave me a chance to play in attack at Baldock and I grabbed it with both hands,"

He played at Wembley last season in Sunderland's playoff defeat by Charlton Athletic, but his sister, Karen, beat him to it, appearing there for Hemel Hempstead Ladies. "tı was only in front of about 100 people," he said, "but I was ealous and she never stops ribbing me about it." Tonight he may have a chance to establish his own claim to fame.

### Jury still out on value of free spirit

Matt Dickinson believes a roving role will suit Steve McManaman

'It is the

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reconvenes tonight when Steve Mc-Manaman runs out in Budapest, and those of us who do not believe him guilty of impersonating a top-class footballer will approach the natch with a certain amount of foreboding, it is a sceptical jury that sits in judgment.

Forget the debuts for Kevin Phillips and Wes Brown or David Seaman's fiftieth cap by the time that Kevin Keegan had concluded his address yesterday, this was Macca's match. The team has been set up for him to go and prove people wrong," the England coach said, and it was impossible not to ponder the consequences should he fail.

Support and understanding are not widespread - oot even in his native Merseyside these days - for a player who, like

John Barnes and Glenn Hoddle before him, is mistrusted by a countionally celebrated liance, "The guy who just fetches and carries does

not have the same expectations." Keegan said, but the player you pick to ex-cite, to go past people and score goals, they can have an average game and it looks

disappointing."

Keegan's mitigation will not stop expectation weighing heavily on McManaman's spindly frame tonight. While Sherwood, Batty and Butt perform the menial tasks behind him, he will be expected to sprinkle some of the coach's "magic dust" on the untried forward partnership of Sbearer and Phillips.

"He is going to be a free spirit." Keegan said. "With the circumstances and the squad I have got, it is the chance to play him in his best position. He can go where he wants. I won't restrict him.

There is part of Macca burning to prove people

wrong. It always comes back to the player. He has to pull any shirt on, whether it is for Liverpool against Manchester United or just in a friendly in Morocco, and, if you are a name, every game has to be a big game.`

Not too many of McMana-man's 23 international appearances would fall into that category and for that, he must take some of the blame. Yet he can counter that he has not been properly used by an England manager since Terry Veoables successfully placed him as an attacking wing back during Euro 96. Hoddle's mistrust included em-ploying him as a left back in Switzerland, while his last cap, against Poland on the wing, came when he was not

His performance at Blackburn Rovers on Saturday suggested a return to

27-year-old is still some way short of his best because of injury and the distractions of his summer move to Real Madrid - a problem Keegan knows well. "I had a difficult

last season at Liver-

pool before Ham-burg," he said. "When I played well, they said I was trying to get a move. If I played badly, they said I didn't care. Hopefully. Madrid will spark him off like it did for me. He is learning the language and he is bright enough to respond." Perhaps realising that, with

every sentence, he was intensifying the glare on McManaman, Keegan attempted to backtrack — "I am not build ing the team around him," he said - bul it was too late. ") want the best out of him," he added, "and we should want that as a nation." McManaman, who has always been appreciated by a wider audience in Europe than in England, will not count on the country's patience.

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### RADIO: Radio 5 Live: John Inverdale's Football Night, from 7.10. Lord's spaceship has landed

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ver the 31 years since Soviet tanks rolled into Prague. Jan Kapticky sought a way to thank the country that offered him sanctuary. As an assembled crowd gave the futuristic NatWest Media Centre at Lord's its approval yesterday, he stood back quietly and decided that a debt of gratitude had finally

been repaid.

Kaplicky had spent the four years before 1968 trying to establish himself as an architect in the former Czechoslovakia before attempts to democratise the country were repressed. Ten days into the invasion, he decided to escape from his homeland and try to forge a new life in England,

Had Kaplicky not been granled refugee status, and founded his company. Future Systems, in 1979, the world's most historic cricket ground would never have been home lo his eye-calching design. resembling an extra-terrestrial gherkin, which now crowns the Nursery End, spanning 42 metres between the Compton and Edrich Stands.

"My dream has been to make a contribution to your



Richard Hobson talks to the Czech architect who has brought a futuristic aspect to the Nursery End

people for not throwing me back in the English Channel when I needed help," Ka-plicky said. "Until now, the Czechs have given England only three things - pointed

and coming in from the media centre and

shoes, the word 'robol' and the Bren gun. But now I hope this Media Centre makes it

Anne Boleyn brought over the shoes before her brief marriage to King Henry VIII. Robot derives from a 1920 play by Karl Kaper, R.U.R. The abbreviation stands for Rossum's Universal Robot, from the Czech word robota. meaning forced labour. The Bren gun, a light machine gun used during the Second World War, derives from the Czech town of Brno, where it was invented, and the manufacturing site in Enfield.

The cost of the Lord's project — the first single-shell aluminium building ever con-

structed - is around £5 million, with more than half of the figure contributed to the MCC by NatWest. A series of hooks have been designed into the external skin to facilitate cleaning by abseilers.

Inside, the marine-blue decor and curved-back seats give the appearance of a trendy coffee bar rather than a place of work for journalists and broadcasters. A room at the back even houses a machine for making cappuccino - in dry contrast to the bar in a corner of the previous press box.

In architectural and eng neering circles, doubts persis ed over whether such a revolu tionary construction was phys ically possible. It is based o principles used in the boa building and aircraft indus tries and was built by Penden nis Shipyard Ltd. of Fal

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"Even recently one distin

would not stand up," Ka plicky said, "but here it is." David Hudd, chairman o MCC's finance committe said: "It will take time for people to get used to, but it does measure up to the

requirements of the age."

### THE HUMAN **GATASTROPHE** 4 HOURS AWAY

Exhausted refugees are still pouring into Albania, the poorest country in Europe. Christian Aid is here, helping impoverished local families to accommodate refugees in their homes.

In Macedonia and Montenesro thousands of families have been separated: brother from sister, wife from husband, parent from child. Christian Aid is here, helping in the agonisingly slow process of searching and reuniting.

The Balkan crisis is just 4 hours away, yet threatens to take Europe back half a century. Christian Aid is here. We were here at the beginning. And we'll stay until the crisis is over. Help us now,

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